



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE RENTERS  
REBATE PROGRAM."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
5 *1, 2017*):

6 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant  
7 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall apply for such grant  
8 to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter resides or to the  
9 duly authorized agent of such assessor or municipality on or after  
10 April first and not later than October first of each year with respect to  
11 such grant for the calendar year preceding each such year, on a form  
12 prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
13 Management to the assessor. [A renter may apply to the secretary prior  
14 to December fifteenth of the claim year for an extension of the  
15 application period. The secretary may grant such extension in the case

16 of extenuating circumstance due to illness or incapacitation as  
17 evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an advanced  
18 practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the secretary determines  
19 there is good cause for doing so.] A renter making such application  
20 shall present to such assessor or agent, in substantiation of the renter's  
21 application, a copy of the renter's federal income tax return, and if not  
22 required to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of  
23 qualifying income, receipts for money received, or cancelled checks, or  
24 copies thereof, and any other evidence the assessor or such agent may  
25 require. When the assessor or agent is satisfied that the applying renter  
26 is entitled to a grant, such assessor or agent shall issue a certificate of  
27 grant [, in triplicate,] in such form as the secretary may prescribe and  
28 supply showing the amount of the grant due. The assessor or agent  
29 shall forward the [original copy and attached] application to the  
30 secretary not later than the last day of the month following the month  
31 in which the renter has made application. Any municipality that  
32 neglects to transmit to the secretary the [claim and supporting  
33 applications] application as required by this section shall forfeit two  
34 hundred fifty dollars to the state, provided the secretary may waive  
35 such forfeiture in accordance with procedures and standards adopted  
36 by regulation in accordance with chapter 54. [A duplicate of such] The  
37 certificate [with a copy of the application attached] of grant shall be  
38 delivered to the renter and the assessor or agent shall keep [the third  
39 copy] copies of such certificate and [a copy of the] application. After  
40 the secretary's review of each claim, pursuant to section 12-120b, and  
41 verification of the amount of the grant, the secretary shall make a  
42 determination of any per cent reduction to all claims that will be  
43 necessary to keep within available appropriations and, not later than  
44 [September thirtieth] October fifteenth of each year prepare a list of  
45 certificates approved for payment, and shall thereafter supplement  
46 such list monthly. Such list and any supplements thereto shall be  
47 approved for payment by the secretary and shall be forwarded by the  
48 secretary to the Comptroller, along with a notice of any necessary per  
49 cent reduction in claim amounts, [not later than one hundred twenty  
50 days after receipt of such applications and certificates of grant from the

51 assessor or agent,] and the Comptroller shall draw an order on the  
 52 Treasurer, not later than fifteen days following, in favor of each person  
 53 on such list and on supplements to such list in the amount of such  
 54 person's claim, minus any per cent reduction noticed by the secretary  
 55 pursuant to this subsection, and the Treasurer shall pay such amount  
 56 to such person, not later than fifteen days following. If the Secretary of  
 57 the Office of Policy and Management determines a renter was  
 58 overpaid for such grant, the amount of any subsequent grant paid to  
 59 the renter under section 12-170d after such determination shall be  
 60 reduced by the amount of overpayment until the overpayment has  
 61 been recouped. Any claimant aggrieved by the results of the  
 62 secretary's review or determination shall have the rights of appeal as  
 63 set forth in section 12-120b. Applications filed under this section shall  
 64 not be open for public inspection. Any person who, for the purpose of  
 65 obtaining a grant under section 12-170d, wilfully fails to disclose all  
 66 matters related thereto or with intent to defraud makes false statement  
 67 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2017	12-170f(a)