



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 198**

January Session, 2019

Substitute House Bill No. 7227

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2019*

The Committee on Housing reported through REP. MCGEE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING AGING IN PLACE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Housing  
2 shall, within available appropriations, conduct a study of methods to  
3 assist senior citizens who wish to continue independently living in  
4 their homes as long as possible. Specifically, the study shall include,  
5 but need not be limited to, a consideration of:

6 (1) Application of the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit  
7 program, 26 USC 42, to further encourage the development of housing  
8 near public transit and livable community settings;

9 (2) Whether the Housing Trust Fund program, established under  
10 section 8-336p of the general statutes, has specific regulations that give  
11 extra consideration to projects that serve senior citizens;

12 (3) Increasing current building standards beyond those required by  
13 the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101, to

14 require building standards that consider people with limited physical  
15 capabilities and apply those standards to private housing and single  
16 family units built with public funds; and

17 (4) Integration of local efficiency principles into decision making as  
18 it relates to housing for senior citizens.

19 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Housing  
20 shall submit a report on the results of such study, in accordance with  
21 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
22 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
23 matters relating to housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**HSG**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Department of Housing	GF - Cost	Up to \$150,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill is anticipated to result in a one-time cost to the Department of Housing (DOH) in FY 20 of up to \$150,000 to contract with a third-party to complete the required study by January 1, 2020. The bill requires DOH to conduct a study of methods to assist senior citizens who wish to continue independently living in their homes as long as possible, and specifies certain criteria that must be considered. DOH typically contracts with a vendor for such studies because its staff resources are limited. This study also requires expertise in (1) building standards beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and (2) local efficiency principals, which DOH is unlikely to have.

**The Out Years**

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/07/2019)