



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 935**

LCO No. 3494



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-37mmm of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section, "visitable housing" means one-to-  
4 four family residential construction that includes three basic  
5 architectural features to allow persons with disabilities to easily visit: (1)  
6 Interior doorways that provide a minimum thirty-two inch wide  
7 unobstructed opening, (2) an accessible means of egress, as defined in  
8 Appendix A to 28 CFR Part 36, and (3) a full or half bathroom on the  
9 first floor that is compliant with the provisions of the Americans with  
10 Disabilities Act of 1990, [as amended,] 42 USC 12101, as amended from  
11 time to time.

12 (b) The Department of Housing, in consultation with the Connecticut  
13 Housing Finance Authority, may establish a program to encourage the  
14 development of visitable housing in the state. The program shall (1)  
15 provide a single point of contact for any person seeking financial or

16 technical assistance from the state to construct visitable housing, (2)  
17 identify financial incentives for developers who construct visitable  
18 housing, and (3) include public education about such housing. [The  
19 department shall submit a report on the status of the program, in  
20 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the  
21 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing not  
22 later than October 1, 2012.]

23 (c) The Department of Housing shall establish, within available  
24 appropriations, an informational web page in a conspicuous place on  
25 such department's Internet web site with a list of links to available  
26 visitable housing resources.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	8-37mmm
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To make technical changes to a statute concerning housing.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*