
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 156 (File 421, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FROM THE HEALTHY HOMES FUND.

SUMMARY

This bill broadens the purposes for which the Healthy Homes Fund may be used to include giving grants to (1) remediate structurally deficient foundations in owner-occupied condominium units in Hamden or (2) relocate owners of condominium units with structurally deficient foundations in Hamden. Grants for these units or unit owners must come from remittances to the Healthy Homes Fund between May 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023, and may not exceed the actual cost of remediation or relocation. The bill requires that the funds be directed to the Department of Housing to administer the grants.

By law, the Healthy Homes Fund is a separate nonlapsing General Fund account used primarily to support the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund, which assists homeowners with concrete foundations damaged by pyrrhotite (i.e., crumbling foundations). The fund is capitalized by revenue from an annual \$12 surcharge on certain homeowners' insurance policies.

*Senate Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill, which allowed DECD to use a preexisting \$1 million allocation from the Healthy Homes Fund to give grants to condominium associations in Hamden with structurally deficient foundations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/20/2023)