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General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 7238

House of Representatives, May 8, 2025

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. HORN of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGISTRY.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
- 2 group to study the establishment of a state short-term rental registry.
- 3 Such study shall examine, but need not be limited to, the following: (1)
- 4 The information that should be collected for such registry from short-
- 5 term rental owners and operators and how often such information
- 6 should be updated, (2) ways to minimize the administrative burdens on
- 7 short-term rental owners and operators who are subject to a municipal
- 8 licensure or registration requirement pursuant to section 7-148qq of the
- 9 general statutes, (3) how such registry would be accessed by the public
- 10 and the appropriate state agency to be responsible for overseeing and
- 11 maintaining such registry, (4) the amount of the fee to be charged, if any,
- 12 to register a short-term rental property, the penalty for failure to register
- 13 a short-term rental property and enforcement mechanisms that could be
- 14 implemented, (5) any requirements for safety or health standards that

15 would be applicable to short-term rental properties and that are not in
16 conflict with state or local building or fire codes or other state or local
17 laws, and a determination of what would be required of a short-term
18 rental owner or operator to show compliance with any such
19 requirements, and (6) whether municipalities should be authorized to
20 impose a local tax on short-term rental properties and, if so, how such
21 tax should be structured.

22 (b) The working group shall consist of (1) the chairpersons and
23 ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General
24 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and
25 bonding, local governments and commerce, (2) the Secretary of the
26 Office of Policy and Management and the Commissioner of Revenue
27 Services, or their designees, (3) representatives of regional councils of
28 governments and of municipalities, including a representative of a
29 municipality that requires licensure or registration of short-term rental
30 properties pursuant to section 7-148qq of the general statutes, and (4)
31 short-term rental owners or operators and any other individuals said
32 chairpersons and ranking members deem relevant or necessary to carry
33 out such study. The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,
35 revenue and bonding shall serve as cochairpersons of the working
36 group and shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which
37 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
38 section.

39 (c) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,
41 revenue and bonding shall serve as administrative staff of the working
42 group.

43 (d) Not later than January 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a
44 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
45 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to finance, revenue and bonding, local governments and
47 commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the

48 general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it
49 submits such report or January 1, 2026, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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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:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a working group to study the establishment of a state short-term rental registry resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the working group has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/24/2025)