



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6491

LCO No. 5855



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

**AN ACT PRIORITIZING ALLOCATION OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM VOUCHERS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO INTEND TO USE
SUCH VOUCHERS IN MUNICIPALITIES BELOW THE THRESHOLD
FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS PROCEDURE
EXEMPTION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 8-345 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (e) The commissioner shall administer the program under this section
5 to promote housing choice for certificate holders, [and] encourage racial
6 and economic integration and promote the use of certificates by
7 certificate holders in municipalities in which the program has
8 historically been underutilized. The commissioner shall affirmatively
9 seek to expend all funds appropriated for the program on an annual
10 basis without regard to population limitation established in prior years.
11 The commissioner shall establish maximum rent levels for each
12 municipality in a manner that promotes the use of the program in all
13 municipalities, provided, if the fair market rent established for a
14 housing unit under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program, 42

15 USC 1437f(o), is greater than such maximum allowable rent established
16 for such housing unit, such fair market rent shall apply for such housing
17 unit. Any certificate issued pursuant to this section may be used for
18 housing in any municipality in the state. The commissioner shall inform
19 certificate holders that a certificate may be used in any municipality and,
20 to the extent practicable, the commissioner shall assist certificate holders
21 in finding housing in the municipality of their choice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	8-345(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To prioritize allocation of rental assistance program vouchers to individuals who intend to use such vouchers in municipalities that have not met the ten per cent threshold for the affordable housing appeals procedure exemption.

[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.]

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