

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR CERTAIN DISABLED OR ELDERLY VETERANS.

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

Section 1. Subsection (l) of section 8-30g of the general statutes is
 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):

4 (1) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the 5 affordable housing appeals procedure established under this section 6 shall not be applicable to an affordable housing application filed with a 7 commission during a moratorium, which shall commence after (A) a 8 certification of affordable housing project completion issued by the 9 commissioner is published in the Connecticut Law Journal, or (B) notice 10 of a provisional approval is published pursuant to subdivision (4) of this 11 subsection. Any such moratorium shall be for a period of four years, 12 except that for any municipality that has (i) twenty thousand or more 13 dwelling units, as reported in the most recent United States decennial 14 census, and (ii) previously qualified for a moratorium in accordance

15 with this section, any subsequent moratorium shall be for a period of

16 five years. Any moratorium that is in effect on October 1, 2002, is17 extended by one year.

18 (2) Such moratorium shall not apply to (A) affordable housing 19 applications for assisted housing in which ninety-five per cent of the 20 dwelling units are restricted to persons and families whose income is 21 less than or equal to sixty per cent of the median income, (B) other 22 affordable housing applications for assisted housing containing forty or 23 fewer dwelling units, or (C) affordable housing applications which were 24 filed with a commission pursuant to this section prior to the date upon 25 which the moratorium takes effect.

(3) Eligible units completed before a moratorium has begun, but that
were not counted toward establishing eligibility for such moratorium,
may be counted toward establishing eligibility for a subsequent
moratorium. Eligible units completed after a moratorium has begun
may be counted toward establishing eligibility for a subsequent
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32 (4) (A) The commissioner shall issue a certificate of affordable 33 housing project completion for the purposes of this subsection upon 34 finding that there has been completed within the municipality one or 35 more affordable housing developments which create housing unit-36 equivalent points equal to (i) the greater of two per cent of all dwelling 37 units in the municipality, as reported in the most recent United States 38 decennial census, or seventy-five housing unit-equivalent points, or (ii) 39 for any municipality that has (I) adopted an affordable housing plan in 40 accordance with section 8-30j, (II) twenty thousand or more dwelling 41 units, as reported in the most recent United States decennial census, and 42 (III) previously qualified for a moratorium in accordance with this 43 section, one and one-half per cent of all dwelling units in the 44 municipality, as reported in the most recent United States decennial 45 census.

46 (B) A municipality may apply for a certificate of affordable housing 47 project completion pursuant to this subsection by applying in writing to 48 the commissioner, and including documentation showing that the 49 municipality has accumulated the required number of points within the 50 applicable time period. Such documentation shall include the location 51 of each dwelling unit being counted, the number of points each dwelling 52 unit has been assigned, and the reason, pursuant to this subsection, for 53 assigning such points to such dwelling unit. Upon receipt of such 54 application, the commissioner shall promptly cause a notice of the filing 55 of the application to be published in the Connecticut Law Journal, 56 stating that public comment on such application shall be accepted by the 57 commissioner for a period of thirty days after the publication of such 58 notice. Not later than ninety days after the receipt of such application, 59 the commissioner shall either approve or reject such application. Such 60 approval or rejection shall be accompanied by a written statement of the 61 reasons for approval or rejection, pursuant to the provisions of this 62 subsection. If the application is approved, the commissioner shall 63 promptly cause a certificate of affordable housing project completion to 64 be published in the Connecticut Law Journal. If the commissioner fails 65 to either approve or reject the application within such ninety-day 66 period, such application shall be deemed provisionally approved, and 67 the municipality may cause notice of such provisional approval to be 68 published in a conspicuous manner in a daily newspaper having general 69 circulation in the municipality, in which case, such moratorium shall 70 take effect upon such publication. The municipality shall send a copy of 71 such notice to the commissioner. Such provisional approval shall 72 remain in effect unless the commissioner subsequently acts upon and 73 rejects the application, in which case the moratorium shall terminate 74 upon notice to the municipality by the commissioner.

(5) For the purposes of this subsection, "elderly units" are dwelling
units whose occupancy is restricted by age, "family units" are dwelling
units whose occupancy is not restricted by age, [and] "resident-owned
mobile manufactured home park" has the same meaning as provided in

79 subsection (k) of this section, "disabled veteran units" are dwelling units

- 80 whose occupancy is restricted to veterans who (A) have a disability
- 81 rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs of at least
- 82 thirty per cent, or (B) are at least sixty-five years old, and "veteran" has
- 83 the same meaning as provided in section 27-103.

84 (6) For the purposes of this subsection, housing unit-equivalent 85 points shall be determined by the commissioner as follows: (A) No 86 points shall be awarded for a unit unless its occupancy is restricted to 87 persons and families whose income is equal to or less than eighty per 88 cent of the median income, except that (i) unrestricted units in a set-89 aside development shall be awarded one-quarter point each; and (ii) 90 dwelling units in middle housing developed as of right pursuant to 91 section 8-2s shall be awarded one-quarter point each. (B) Family units 92 restricted to persons and families whose income is equal to or less than eighty per cent of the median income shall be awarded one point if an 93 94 ownership unit and one and one-half points if a rental unit. (C) Family 95 units restricted to persons and families whose income is equal to or less 96 than sixty per cent of the median income shall be awarded one and one-97 half points if an ownership unit and two points if a rental unit. (D) 98 Family units restricted to persons and families whose income is equal to 99 or less than forty per cent of the median income shall be awarded two 100 points if an ownership unit and two and one-half points if a rental unit. 101 (E) Elderly units restricted to persons and families whose income is equal to or less than eighty per cent of the median income shall be 102 103 awarded one-half point. (F) A set-aside development containing family 104 units which are rental units shall be awarded additional points equal to 105 twenty-two per cent of the total points awarded to such development, 106 provided the application for such development was filed with the 107 commission prior to July 6, 1995. (G) A mobile manufactured home in a 108 resident-owned mobile manufactured home park shall be awarded 109 points as follows: One and one-half points when occupied by persons 110 and families with an income equal to or less than eighty per cent of the 111 median income; two points when occupied by persons and families with

an income equal to or less than sixty per cent of the median income; and
 one-fourth point for the remaining units. (H) Disabled veteran units
 restricted to persons and families whose income is equal to or less than
 eighty per cent of the median income shall be awarded one and one-half
 points.

- 117 (7) Points shall be awarded only for dwelling units which (A) were 118 newly-constructed units in an affordable housing development, as that 119 term was defined at the time of the affordable housing application, for 120 which a certificate of occupancy was issued after July 1, 1990, (B) were 121 newly subjected after July 1, 1990, to deeds containing covenants or 122 restrictions which require that, for at least the duration required by 123 subsection (a) of this section for set-aside developments on the date 124 when such covenants or restrictions took effect, such dwelling units 125 shall be sold or rented at, or below, prices which will preserve the units 126 as affordable housing for persons or families whose income does not 127 exceed eighty per cent of the median income, or (C) are located in a 128 resident-owned mobile manufactured home park.
- (8) Points shall be subtracted, applying the formula in subdivision (6)
 of this subsection, for any affordable dwelling unit which, on or after
 July 1, 1990, was affected by any action taken by a municipality which
 caused such dwelling unit to cease being counted as an affordable
 dwelling unit.
- (9) A newly-constructed unit shall be counted toward a moratorium
 when it receives a certificate of occupancy. A newly-restricted unit shall
 be counted toward a moratorium when its deed restriction takes effect.
- (10) The affordable housing appeals procedure shall be applicable to
 affordable housing applications filed with a commission after a threeyear moratorium expires, except (A) as otherwise provided in
 subsection (k) of this section, or (B) when sufficient unit-equivalent
 points have been created within the municipality during one
 moratorium to qualify for a subsequent moratorium.

143 (11) The commissioner shall, within available appropriations, adopt 144 regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of 145 this subsection. Such regulations shall specify the procedure to be 146 followed by a municipality to obtain a moratorium, and shall include 147 the manner in which a municipality is to document the units to be 148 counted toward a moratorium. A municipality may apply for a 149 moratorium in accordance with the provisions of this subsection prior 150 to, as well as after, such regulations are adopted.

This act shal sections:	l take effect as follows	s and shall amend the following
Section 1	October 1, 2025	8-30g(1)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for affordable housing for certain disabled or elderly veterans.

[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.]