

General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 5002

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AND THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS."

- 1 Strike section 32 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- "Sec. 32. Section 7-148b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):
- 4 (a) For purposes of this section and sections 7-148c to 7-148f,
- 5 inclusive, "seasonal basis" means housing accommodations rented for a
- 6 period or periods aggregating not more than one hundred twenty days
- 7 in any one calendar year and "rental charge" includes any fee or charge
- 8 in addition to rent that is imposed or sought to be imposed upon a
- 9 tenant by a landlord.
- 10 (b) Any town, city or borough may, and any town, city or borough
- 11 with a population of twenty-five thousand or more, as determined by
- 12 the most recent decennial census, shall, through its legislative body,

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13 adopt an ordinance that creates a fair rent commission. Any such 14 commission shall make studies and investigations, conduct hearings 15 and receive complaints relative to rental charges on housing 16 accommodations, except those accommodations rented on a seasonal 17 basis, within its jurisdiction, which term shall include mobile 18 manufactured homes and mobile manufactured home park lots, in 19 order to control and eliminate excessive rental charges on such 20 accommodations, and to carry out the provisions of sections 7-148b to 21 7-148f, inclusive, section 47a-20 and subsection (b) of section 47a-23c. 22 The commission, for such purposes, may compel the attendance of 23 persons at hearings, issue subpoenas and administer oaths, issue orders 24 and continue, review, amend, terminate or suspend any of its orders and 25 decisions. The commission may be empowered to retain legal counsel 26 to advise it.

- (c) Any town, city or borough required to create a fair rent commission pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall adopt an ordinance creating such commission on or before July 1, 2023. Not later than thirty days after the adoption of such ordinance, the chief executive officer of such town, city or borough shall (1) notify the Commissioner of Housing that such commission has been created, and (2) transmit a copy of the ordinance adopted by the town, city or borough to the commissioner.
- 35 (d) Any two or more towns, cities or boroughs not subject to the 36 requirements of subsection (b) of this section may, through their 37 legislative bodies, create a joint fair rent commission.
- (e) Any town, city or borough that creates a fair rent commission
 pursuant to this section shall make any bylaws adopted by such fair rent
 commission publicly available on the Internet web site of such town, city
 or borough."

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