

Planning and Development Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5394 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE ACT.

Vote Date: 3/13/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/4/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning and Development Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill amends two sections to make landlords liable for relocation assistance payments made when tenants are displaced due to municipal code enforcement. It allows municipalities or the state to place a lien on a landlord's real property to recover those relocation costs.

This bill is intended to ensure landlords, not municipalities, are responsible for relocation costs when tenants are displaced due to code enforcement.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

The substitute language clarifies that a municipality may file a lien to secure repayment from a landlord for payments made by the municipality concerning hotel expenses for relocated tenants.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Town Councilor for the Town of Rocky Hill, Zachary van Luling](#): Zachary testified in support of the bill. He stated the bill would make landlords responsible for tenant relocation costs when displacement occurs due to municipal code enforcement and allow municipalities or the state to recover those costs through property liens, helping protect municipal budgets and taxpayers.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

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Date: 3/16/26