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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE ACT."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 8-270 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5 (a) In addition to amounts otherwise authorized by this chapter, a  
6 state agency shall make a payment to or for any displaced person who  
7 is displaced from any dwelling and not eligible to receive a payment  
8 under section 8-269, [which] provided such dwelling was actually and  
9 lawfully occupied by such displaced person for not less than ninety days  
10 prior to the initiation of negotiations for the acquisition of such dwelling  
11 under the program or project which results in such person being  
12 displaced. [Such]

13 (b) Any payment made pursuant to this section shall be [either (1)

14 the] in an amount necessary to enable such displaced person to (1) lease  
15 or rent, for a period not to exceed four years, a decent, safe [,] and  
16 sanitary dwelling of standards adequate to accommodate such person  
17 in [areas] an area not generally less desirable with regard to public  
18 utilities and public and commercial facilities, and reasonably accessible  
19 to such displaced person's place of employment, [but not to] provided  
20 no such payment shall exceed four thousand dollars, or (2) [the amount  
21 necessary to enable such displaced person to] make a down payment,  
22 including reasonable expenses incurred by such displaced person for  
23 evidence of title, recording fees [,] and other closing costs incident to the  
24 purchase of a decent, safe [,] and sanitary dwelling of standards  
25 adequate to accommodate such person in [areas] an area not generally  
26 less desirable with regard to public utilities and public and commercial  
27 facilities, [but not to] provided no such payment shall exceed four  
28 thousand dollars. [,] except that if such amount exceeds two thousand  
29 dollars, such] Any person [must equally] who receives a payment  
30 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection in excess of two thousand  
31 dollars shall match any such amount in excess of two thousand dollars  
32 in making [the downpayment, and provided, whenever] such down  
33 payment.

34 (c) Whenever any tenant [in any] of a dwelling unit is displaced as  
35 the result of the enforcement of any code to which this section is  
36 applicable by any town, city or borough or agency thereof, the landlord  
37 of such dwelling unit shall be liable for any payments made by such  
38 town, city or borough pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or by the  
39 state pursuant to subsection (b) of section 8-280, as amended by this act,  
40 [and the] or section 8-271, as amended by this act in addition to  
41 payments for emergency housing and temporary housing for a  
42 displaced person. A town, city or borough or the state may place a lien  
43 on any real property owned by such landlord to secure repayment to  
44 the town, city or borough or the state of such payments, which lien shall  
45 have the same priority as and shall be filed, enforced and discharged in  
46 the same manner as a lien for municipal taxes under chapter 205.

47 [(b)] (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, in the case of  
48 displacement of a person on or after October 1, 2007, because of  
49 acquisition of real property by a redevelopment agency pursuant to  
50 section 8-128, a development agency pursuant to section 8-193, or an  
51 implementing agency pursuant to section 32-224, pursuant to a  
52 redevelopment plan approved under chapter 130 or a development plan  
53 approved under chapter 132 or 588l, the agency shall make relocation  
54 payments as provided under the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance  
55 and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 USC 4601 et seq.  
56 and any subsequent amendments thereto and regulations promulgated  
57 thereunder if payments under said act and regulations would be greater  
58 than payments under this section and sections 8-268 and 8-269.

59 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 8-271 of the general statutes is  
60 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
61 *1, 2026*):

62 (b) Each relocation advisory assistance program required by  
63 subsection (a) of this section shall include such measures, facilities, or  
64 services as may be necessary or appropriate in order (1) to determine  
65 the needs, if any, of displaced persons for relocation assistance; (2) to  
66 provide current and continuing information on the availability, prices  
67 and rentals, of comparable decent, safe and sanitary sales and rental  
68 housing, and of comparable commercial properties and locations for  
69 displaced businesses; (3) to assure that, within a reasonable period of  
70 time, prior to displacement there will be available in areas not generally  
71 less desirable in regard to public utilities and public and commercial  
72 facilities and at rents or prices within the financial means of the families  
73 and individuals displaced, decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, as  
74 defined by the Commissioner of Transportation for transportation  
75 projects and by the Commissioner of Housing for all other state agency  
76 programs and projects, equal in number to the number of and available  
77 to such displaced persons who require such dwellings and reasonably  
78 accessible to their places of employment, except that the Commissioner  
79 of Transportation for transportation projects and the Commissioner of

80 Housing for all other state agency programs and projects may prescribe  
81 by regulation situations when such assurances may be waived; (4) to  
82 assist a displaced person displaced from the person's business or farm  
83 operation in obtaining and becoming established in a suitable  
84 replacement location; (5) to supply information concerning federal and  
85 state housing programs, disaster loan programs and other federal and  
86 state programs offering assistance to displaced persons; (6) to provide  
87 other advisory assistance services to displaced persons in order to  
88 minimize hardship to such persons in adjusting to relocation, including  
89 programs to provide emergency housing and temporary housing to  
90 displaced persons.

91 Sec. 3. Section 8-280 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
92 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

93 (a) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of  
94 Housing, may enter into a contract or agreement with a state agency to  
95 provide state financial assistance to [such] the state agency in the form  
96 of a grant-in-aid equal to two-thirds of the net cost of [carrying out] a  
97 program [of] to provide relocation assistance pursuant to a relocation  
98 plan [as provided under] prepared pursuant to section 8-281 and  
99 approved by the commissioner. [Such] Any such grant-in-aid shall: (1)  
100 Provide actual administration costs not to exceed one hundred dollars  
101 for each dwelling unit and two hundred fifty dollars for each farm or  
102 business, relocated in accordance with the provisions of this chapter; (2)  
103 provide advance grants for relocation assistance paid pursuant to the  
104 provisions of said section to persons, families, businesses and farm  
105 operations and nonprofit organizations not otherwise entitled to  
106 relocation assistance from any program of any other state agency or any  
107 program of the federal government and who have not been reimbursed  
108 for moving costs in a condemnation proceeding; and (3) include the cost  
109 of the preparation of the relocation plan.

110 (b) The Commissioner of Housing shall not provide a grant-in-aid  
111 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to any town, city or borough  
112 for the cost of [carrying out] a program [of] to provide relocation

113 assistance for persons displaced as the direct result of code enforcement  
 114 activities undertaken by a town, city or borough, unless such town, city  
 115 or borough agrees to (1) [places, pursuant to section 8-270,] place a lien  
 116 on all real property in such town, city or borough, [which] pursuant to  
 117 section 8-270, as amended by this act, that is owned by the landlord of  
 118 the persons who are displaced by such code enforcement activities, and  
 119 (2) [assigns] assign to the state [the claim of] any claim that the town,  
 120 city or borough may have against such landlord for the costs of [carrying  
 121 out such program of] such relocation assistance not later than one year  
 122 after the final payment to any person under such program. The Attorney  
 123 General shall [be responsible for collecting] collect any such claim [and  
 124 may carry out such responsibility] by (A) enforcing any such lien  
 125 assigned to the state by the town, city or borough, (B) placing and  
 126 enforcing a lien on any other real property owned by the landlord in the  
 127 state, or (C) instituting civil proceedings in the Superior Court against  
 128 such landlord. Two-thirds of all funds collected by the Attorney General  
 129 from a landlord pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the  
 130 General Fund and the remaining one-third of such funds shall be  
 131 remitted to the town, city or borough [which] that brought code  
 132 enforcement activities against such landlord."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	8-270
Sec. 2	October 1, 2026	8-271(b)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2026	8-280