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BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 231
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “establishing” insert “a certain Rental Allowance Program and”; in line 5, after “programs” insert “in the Department of Housing and Community Development”; in the same line, before “authorizing” insert “requiring the Department to administer the Rental Allowance Program to assist certain households under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to establish certain eligibility requirements, certain standards for eligible dwelling units, and certain payment amounts under the Rental Allowance Program; prohibiting certain funds appropriated through the Rental Allowance Program from being used for certain other programs; authorizing the Secretary to adopt regulations to carry out the Rental Allowance Program;”; strike beginning with “of” in line 5 down through “Development” in line 6; in line 6, strike “provide financial assistance to” and substitute “establish and administer certain rental assistance programs for”; in line 7, strike “of Housing and Community Development”; in line 8, strike “regulations and guidelines; authorizing the administration of this Act” and substitute “criteria for certain rental assistance programs”; in lines 9 and 10, strike “in establishing rental housing programs” and substitute “under certain circumstances”; in line 10, after “Assembly;” insert “defining a certain term;”; in line 11, strike “within” and substitute “in”; and in line 26, strike “4-1405” and substitute “4-1406”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 7, strike the brackets; in the same line, before “**RENTAL**” insert “**AND OTHER**”; in line 13, strike “**THE**”; in line 14, after “**PROGRAMS**” insert “**OTHER THAN THE RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-1403 OF THIS SUBTITLE**”; in line 16, after “**ARE**” insert “**THE RENTAL ALLOWANCE**”.

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PROGRAM AND OTHER"; in lines 16 and 19, in each instance, strike "RENTAL ASSISTANCE"; after line 16, insert:

"4-1403.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BEING HOMELESS BY PROVIDING HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO OR ON BEHALF OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH:

(1) INCOME LIMITS FOR ELIGIBILITY OF LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS NOT EXCEEDING 30% OF THE STATE OR AREA MEDIAN INCOME, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER; AND

(2) MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBLE DWELLING UNITS.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS MADE THROUGH THE RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FACTORS IDENTIFIED IN § 4-1405(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) ELIGIBLE USES OF PAYMENTS MAY INCLUDE RENT, SECURITY DEPOSITS, UTILITIES, AND OTHER HOUSING-RELATED EXPENSES.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADMINISTER THE RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM BY PROVIDING MONTHLY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO OR ON BEHALF OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS DIRECTLY OR THROUGH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, THEIR LOCAL HOUSING AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

(F) FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO SERVE LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

THROUGH THE RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM MAY NOT BE USED FOR OTHER PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(G) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM, INCLUDING TIME FRAMES FOR ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CRITERIA THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.”;

in line 17, strike “**4-1403.**” and substitute “**4-1404.**”; and in line 18, strike “**IS AUTHORIZED TO**” and substitute “**MAY**”.

On page 4, in line 2, strike “**4-1404.**” and substitute “**4-1405.**”; and in line 23, strike “**DEEMS**” and substitute “**CONSIDERS**”.

On page 5, in line 9, strike “**4-1405.**” and substitute “**4-1406.**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in line 13, after “that” insert “:

(1)”;

in line 14, after “Department” insert “**of Housing and Community Development**”; in the same line, strike “by” and substitute “**under Section 1 of**”; strike beginning with “and” in line 14 down through “homelessness” in line 15 and substitute “**as the Rental Allowance Program**”; in line 17, strike “by” and substitute “**under Section 2 of**”; in the same line, after “Act” insert a semicolon; in the same line, strike “that” and substitute:

(2)”;

and strike beginning with “providers” in line 18 down through “program” in line 19 and substitute “**administrators**”.