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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 284
(Third Reading File Bill – Committee Reprint)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 24, after “Account;” insert “establishing work requirements for recipients of certain rental assistance programs;”.

On page 4, after line 3, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Housing and Community Development

Section 4-1407

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 43, after line 13, insert:

“Article – Housing and Community Development

4-1407.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “APPLICABLE SUBSIDIZED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENT” MEANS AN ABLE-BODIED INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 19 YEARS OLD AND UNDER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS.

(3) “SUBSIDIZED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM” INCLUDES:

(I) THE RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) THE STATEWIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHER PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 29 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(III) ANY OTHER RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(4) “WORK REQUIREMENTS” MEANS THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1396A(XX).

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(1) IS PREGNANT OR HAS GIVEN BIRTH IN THE PAST 60 DAYS;

(2) IS THE PARENT OR CAREGIVER OF A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY, AS DEFINED IN § 8-401 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, UNDER THE AGE OF 14 YEARS;

(3) HAS A DISABLING MENTAL DISORDER;

(4) HAS A DOCUMENTED PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY THAT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPAIRS THE INDIVIDUAL’S ABILITY TO PERFORM ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING;

(5) IS IN TREATMENT FOR A CHRONIC SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER;

(6) IS MEDICALLY FRAIL OR HAS A COMPLEX MEDICAL CONDITION;

(7) IS A FULL-TIME STUDENT; OR

(8) IS A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE.

(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICABLE SUBSIDIZED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION ON APPLICATION AND EVERY 6 MONTHS AFTER.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A SHORT-TERM HARDSHIP EXEMPTION FOR APPLICABLE SUBSIDIZED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS DUE TO:

(1) HOSPITALIZATION OF A RECIPIENT;

(2) A NATURAL DISASTER THAT IMPACTS A RECIPIENT'S ABILITY TO WORK;

(3) A RECIPIENT RESIDING IN A COUNTY WITH AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ABOVE 10%; OR

(4) ANY OTHER SHORT-TERM HARDSHIP AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY.

(E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY ANY SUBSIDIZED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENT WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE WORK REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND FAILS TO COMPLY THAT THE RECIPIENT IS AT RISK OF HAVING THE RECIPIENT'S ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS TERMINATED.

(2) IF, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A SUBSIDIZED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENT IS STILL NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WORK REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TERMINATE THE RECIPIENT'S ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS.

(F) BEGINNING MARCH 31, 2027, AND ON A QUARTERLY BASIS THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

(1) THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF WORK REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS GRANTED TO SUBSIDIZED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS; AND

(2) THE IMPACT OF THOSE EXEMPTIONS ON SUBSIDIZED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT.”.