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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2020*):

4 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant
5 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall apply for such grant
6 to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter resides or to the
7 duly authorized agent of such assessor or municipality on or after April
8 first and not later than October first of each year with respect to such
9 grant for the calendar year preceding each such year, on a form
10 prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
11 Management to the assessor. Municipalities that require notarization of
12 a landlord verification of property rental in an application under this
13 section shall (1) exempt a renter from the requirement if a landlord
14 verification for the same property rental by the same renter has been
15 previously notarized, and (2) shall not delay submission of the

16 application of an otherwise qualified renter to the Secretary of the Office
17 of Policy and Management if the renter (A) fails to meet a deadline for
18 notarizing such landlord verification, or (B) fails to meet a municipal
19 deadline for submission because of illness or incapacitation as
20 evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an advanced practice
21 registered nurse. A renter may apply to the secretary prior to December
22 fifteenth of the claim year for an extension of the application period. The
23 secretary may grant such extension in the case of extenuating
24 circumstance due to illness or incapacitation as evidenced by a
25 certificate signed by a physician or an advanced practice registered
26 nurse to that extent, or if the secretary determines there is good cause
27 for doing so. A renter making such application shall present to such
28 assessor or agent, in substantiation of the renter's application, a copy of
29 the renter's federal income tax return, and if not required to file a federal
30 income tax return, such other evidence of qualifying income, receipts for
31 money received, or cancelled checks, or copies thereof, and any other
32 evidence the assessor or such agent may require. When the assessor or
33 agent is satisfied that the applying renter is entitled to a grant, such
34 assessor or agent shall issue a certificate of grant in such form as the
35 secretary may prescribe and supply showing the amount of the grant
36 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	12-170f(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To remove impediments to timely financial relief for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]