



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6530***

LCO No. 3640



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-37r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There shall be a Department of Housing, which shall be [within  
4 the Department of Economic and Community Development for  
5 administrative purposes only, which shall be] the lead agency for all  
6 matters relating to housing. The Department of Housing shall be within  
7 the Department of Economic and Community Development for  
8 administrative purposes only. The department head shall be the  
9 Commissioner of Housing, who shall be appointed by the Governor in  
10 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, with the  
11 powers and duties [therein] prescribed in said sections. Said  
12 commissioner shall be responsible at the state level for all aspects of  
13 policy, development, redevelopment, preservation, maintenance and  
14 improvement of housing and neighborhoods. Said commissioner shall  
15 be responsible for developing strategies to encourage the provision of  
16 housing in the state, including housing for very low, low and moderate

17 income families.

18 (b) The Department of Housing shall constitute a successor to the  
19 functions, powers and duties of the Department of Economic  
20 Development relating to housing, community development,  
21 redevelopment and urban renewal as set forth in chapters 128, 129, 130,  
22 135 and 136 in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e  
23 and 4-39. The Department of Housing is designated a public housing  
24 agency for the purpose of administering the Section 8 existing certificate  
25 program and the housing voucher program pursuant to the Housing  
26 Act of 1937.

27 [(c) The commissioner shall, in consultation with the interagency  
28 council on affordable housing established pursuant to section 8-37nnn,  
29 review the organization and delivery of state housing programs and  
30 submit a report with recommendations, in accordance with the  
31 provisions of section 11-4a, not later than January 15, 2013, to the joint  
32 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
33 matters relating to housing and appropriations.]

34 [(d)] (c) Any order or regulation of the Department of Housing or  
35 Department of Economic and Community Development that is in force  
36 on January 1, 2013, shall continue in force and effect as an order or  
37 regulation until amended, repealed or superseded pursuant to law.

38 [(e)] (d) On and after July 1, 2017, the Department of Housing shall  
39 constitute a successor department, in accordance with the provisions of  
40 sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39, to the Department of Children and  
41 Families with respect to the homeless youth program as set forth in  
42 section 17a-62a.

43 Sec. 2. Section 8-37nnn of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
44 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	8-37r
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

**HSG**      *Joint Favorable*