

**Introduced by Senator Cedillo**

February 14, 2008

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An act to amend Section 50675.1 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1220, as introduced, Cedillo. Housing: Multifamily Housing Program: veterans.

Existing law establishes the Multifamily Housing Program under the administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide a standardized set of program rules and features applicable to all housing types based on the department's California Housing Rehabilitation Program.

This bill would authorize a sponsor, as defined, of a project funded by the Multifamily Housing Program, to restrict occupancy of a project to persons with veteran status under specified circumstances.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 50675.1 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 50675.1. (a) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as
- 4 the Multifamily Housing Program.
- 5 (b) Assistance provided to a project pursuant to this chapter
- 6 shall be provided in the form of a deferred payment loan to pay
- 7 for the eligible costs of development as hereafter described.

1 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (3), on and after January  
2 1, 2008, of the total assistance provided under this chapter, the  
3 percentage that is awarded for units restricted to senior citizens,  
4 as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 51.3 of  
5 the Civil Code, shall be proportional to the percentage of lower  
6 income renter households in the state that are lower income elderly  
7 renter households, as reported by the federal Department of  
8 Housing and Urban Development on the basis of the most recent  
9 decennial census conducted by the United States Census Bureau.

10 (1) The department shall be deemed to have met its obligation  
11 under this subdivision if the assistance awarded is not less than 1  
12 percent below the proportional share.

13 (2) This subdivision does not require the department to provide  
14 loans to projects that fail to meet minimum threshold requirements  
15 under subdivision (b) of Section 50675.7.

16 (3) Assistance for projects meeting the definitions in paragraphs  
17 (2) and (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 11139.3 of the Government  
18 Code and subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 53260 shall be  
19 excluded from the total assistance calculation under this  
20 subdivision.

21 (4) The department shall determine the time period over which  
22 it will measure compliance with this section, but that period shall  
23 not be less than one year or two funding cycles, whichever period  
24 is longer.

25 (5) If, at the end of the time period determined by the  
26 department, the total amount of funding for which sponsors have  
27 submitted qualified applications is lower than the proportional  
28 share, the department may award the remaining funds to units that  
29 are not restricted to senior citizens.

30 (6) The department's annual report to the Legislature submitted  
31 under Section 50408 shall include a breakdown of funding awards  
32 between units restricted to senior citizens and units that are not  
33 age-restricted.

34 (d) This chapter shall be administered by the department and  
35 the department shall establish the terms upon which loans may be  
36 made consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

37 (e) (1) *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a sponsor*  
38 *of a project may restrict occupancy to persons with veteran status,*  
39 *if the veterans to be served possess significant barriers to social*  
40 *reintegration and employment due to a physical or mental*

1 *disability, substance abuse, or the effects of long-term homelessness*  
2 *that require specialized treatment and services, and the sponsor*  
3 *also provides, or assists in providing, the specialized treatment*  
4 *and services.*

5 (2) *For purposes of this subdivision, “veteran” has the same*  
6 *meaning as defined in Section 18540.4 of the Government Code.*

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