SENATE BILL   No. 384

Introduced by Senator Leyva

February 24, 2015

An act to add Section 980.7 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veteran housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 384, as amended, Leyva. Veteran housing: multifamily units: underserved veterans.

Existing law, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014, (the act) *2014 (the act),* provides for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable multifamily supportive housing, affordable transitional housing, affordable rental housing, or related facilities for veterans and their families. Existing law, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014 (bond act), an initiative measure enacted by the voters as Proposition 41 at the June 3, 2014, primary election, authorized $600 million in bonds to provide multifamily housing to low-income veterans and supportive housing for homeless veterans, through the ~~Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014.~~ *act.*

This bill would require, for all multifamily housing units acquired, constructed, rehabilitated, or preserved on or after January 1, 2017, for the purpose of housing veterans, that a percentage of the bond act funds to be used for purposes of the act be reserved for housing for

underserved veterans, as defined, the percentage of the bond act funds to be determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs, *the California Housing Finance Agency, and the Department of Housing and Community Development collectively,* as specified.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 980.7 is added to the Military and
2 Veterans Code, to read:
3 980.7. (a) For all multifamily housing units acquired,
4 constructed, rehabilitated, or preserved on or after January 1, 2017,
5 for the purpose of housing veterans, a percentage of the state funds
6 to be used for purposes of the Veterans Housing and Homeless
7 Prevention Act of 2014 shall be reserved for housing for
8 underserved veterans. The percentage reserved shall be determined
9 by the department in consultation with the appropriate local
10 agencies.
11 (b) For purposes of this section, "underserved veterans" means
12 those veterans either experiencing or at risk of experiencing
13 homelessness at a disproportionate rate to their veteran or
14 nonveteran counterparts, as determined by the most recent United
15 States Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual
16 Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) *to Congress, November*
17 *2015,* that includes an assessment of veteran homelessness, or
18 other similar source the ~~department deems~~ *department, the*
19 *California Housing Finance Agency, and the Department of*
20 *Housing and Community Development collectively deem*
21 appropriate.
22 (c) The ~~department~~ *department, the California Housing Finance*
23 *Agency, and the Department of Housing and Community*
24 *Development collectively* shall determine the percentage of funds
25 from the Housing for Veterans ~~Fund~~ *Fund,* established pursuant
26 to Section ~~998.44~~ *998.44,* to be reserved annually pursuant to
27 subdivision (a), with the first determination to be made on July 1,
28 2017, and thereafter each year on July 1. The determination shall
29 be made using the most recently released AHAR *to Congress,*
30 *November 2015,* that includes an assessment of veteran
31 homelessness, or other similar source that the ~~department deems~~

1 *department, the California Housing Finance Agency, and the*
2 *Department of Housing and Community Development collectively*
3 *deem* appropriate.
4 (d) If there are insufficient applications for proposed housing
5 projects meeting the requirements of subdivision (a), the reserved
6 funding shall revert back to the Housing for Veterans Fund and
7 be available for other purposes authorized by the act.

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