

Requested by Representative VIAL

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2210**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 37 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

4 **“(a) ‘Affordable rental rate’ means a rental rate for privately owned**
5 **multifamily rental housing units that may be rented, with or without**
6 **government assistance, on a basis that is affordable to individuals of**
7 **low income as determined by the Housing and Community Services**
8 **Department, taking into account the number of the bedrooms in the**
9 **housing unit.**

10 **“(b) ‘Low income’ means income that is not more than 80 percent**
11 **of the median family income for a family of four residing within the**
12 **county in which a housing unit is located, as determined by the**
13 **Housing and Community Services Department based on information**
14 **from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Develop-**
15 **ment.**

16 **“(2) The Housing and Community Services Department shall de-**
17 **velop and implement the Retaining Affordable Rental Housing Pro-**
18 **gram for the purpose of providing financial assistance to owners of**
19 **multifamily rental housing to rehabilitate and maintain the housing**
20 **at an affordable rental rate.**

21 **“(3) The department shall make forgivable loans to landowners of**

1 eligible multifamily rental housing, not to exceed \$10,000, which may
2 be used by the landowner to make capital improvements, habitability
3 improvements or environmental and energy efficiency improvements,
4 as defined by rules adopted by the department. The department may
5 forgive 10 percent of the loan for each year that the landowner rents
6 units for an affordable rental rate. The rules adopted by the depart-
7 ment must provide that the improvements for which the loan funds
8 will be used must have a useful life of at least 10 years.

9 “(4) To be eligible for a loan under this section, a landowner must
10 demonstrate that the landowner’s multifamily rental housing:

11 “(a) Contains 10 or more units; and

12 “(b) Has been available for rental for a minimum of 10 consecutive
13 years prior to the date of the application for financial assistance.

14 “(5) The department shall develop a process for landowners to sub-
15 mit applications for loans under this section. The department shall
16 review the application and approve or deny the application.

17 “(6)(a) Upon approval of an application for a loan, the department
18 shall distribute funds from the Retaining Affordable Rental Housing
19 Program Fund established under section 2 of this 2017 Act to the
20 landowner.

21 “(b) Prior to distribution of funds, the department shall enter into
22 a contract with the landowner that sets forth, at a minimum:

23 “(A) The purposes for which the loan funds may be used;

24 “(B) That the landowner will execute written instruments to be re-
25 corded in the records of the county where the multifamily rental
26 housing is located that contain terms, including but not limited to
27 restrictive covenants, providing that the multifamily rental housing
28 shall be rented at an affordable rental rate for a minimum of 10 years
29 after receipt of the loan funds; and

30 “(C) That the landowner must pay to the department the amount

1 of any loan received under this section that is used in violation of any
2 of the terms of the contract.

3 “(7) The department may not award loans under this section that
4 exceed the amount of funds available in the Retaining Affordable
5 Rental Housing Program Fund established under section 2 of this 2017
6 Act.

7 “(8) In administering the program under this section, the depart-
8 ment shall monitor compliance with contract requirements.

9 “(9) The department shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions
10 of this section.”.

11 On page 3, line 3, delete “grants” and insert “loans”.

12 In line 7, delete “and housing authorities”.

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