

Bills for Public Housing Hearing - April 30, 2019

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Description
H.1291 / S.777	An Act relative to local housing authority board member elections	Rep. Honan / Sen. Boncore	CHAPA Legislative Priority - Creates a process for appointint tenant board members in towns
H.1320 / S.785	An Act leveraging additional resources for local housing authorities	Rep. Dave Rogers / Sen. Crighton	CHAPA Legislative Priority - Allows LHAs to borrow against capital funds and retain proceeds from the sale of their property.
H.1279	An Act relative to housing service coordinators	Rep. Honan	CHAPA Legislative Priority - Creates housing service coordinator program for subsidized housing
H.1253 / S.783	An Act relative to senior and non-elderly disabled housing	Rep. Biele / Sen. Collins	Establishes commission to study best practices and safety protocols of state subsidized senior and non-disabled housing.
H.1257	An Act to define the jurisdiction of the local housing authority for implementation of rental assistance programs	Rep. Cahill	Limits the use of rental vouchers administered by the housing authority to the city or town in which the LHA sits.
H.1261	An Act relative to low-income housing eligibility for disabled veterans	Rep. Day	Prohibits a veteran's disability benefits from being including in any calculation of the appicant's income for any publicly assisted housing benefit
H.1283	An Act relative to housing authority executive director contracts	Rep. Honan	Adds clarifying language to DHCD's review authority of ED contracts -- specifically adding the phrase "relevant ot state payment" in what the department can review
H.1287	An Act to establish an apprenticeship program to ready vacant public housing apartments for occupancy	Rep. Honan	Creates apprenticeship program for state public housing residents to help train residents while expediting reoccupancy of vacant units
H.1293	An Act prohibiting level 2 and level 3 sex offenders from public housing hotels and motels	Rep. Jones	Prohibits level 2 and level 3 sex offenders from public housing in hotels/motels
H.1295	An Act relative to public housing restrictions for sex offenders	Rep. Jones	Prohibits level 2 and level 3 sex offenders from public housing
H.1298	An Act relative to public housing restrictions	Rep. Jones	Prohibits applicants for public housing who are lawful immigrants (eligible for federal housing assistance under 42 U.S.C. sec. 1436a) from being prioritized over any other applicant
H.1310	An Act preventing a public housing tenant from using the premises for smoking	Rep. Muradian	Makes smoking an evictable offence
H.1312	An Act relative to self-sufficiency in state-assisted public housing	Rep. Naughton	Creates self-sufficiency program for applicants of family public housing. Program will include: 30 hour work/community service requirements for all able-bodied adults; school attendance requirement; intensive case management. If the requirements are not met by adults or students, the household faces eviction. Creates priority for applicants and escrow savings account for additional income
H.1313	An Act relative to public housing determination for veterans	Rep. Naughton	Prohibits any veterans benefits from being used as part of any rent determination

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H.1320	An Act relative to public housing authorities	Rep. Roy	Raises the minimum that public housing tenants must pay for rent from \$5 to \$50.
H.1321 / S.774	An Act restoring the Commonwealths public housing	Rep. Ryan / Sen. Boncore	Exempts state-aided public housing redevelopment by private entities from state filed sub-bid law. Maintains requirement for prevailing wage.
H.1443 / S.984	An Act to prevent and respond to bullying of elderly and disabled residents	Rep. Honan / Sen. Lovely	Directs AG to work with stakeholders to publish a model plan and training curricula; compile list of bullying services; and create and administer a survey. Each owner shall provide appropriate training.
H.3640	An Act amending the act authorizing affordable housing covenants in the town of Nantucket	Rep. Fernandes	Allows Nantucket to adopt by-laws that allow the housing authority to create, administer, and enforce "housing needs covenants." Owners of land would be able to execute a covenant that runs with the land to limit the use of all or part of the land to occupancy by households of middle income.
H.3652	An Act enabling public housing authorities to borrow against real estate equity of publicly-owned properties	Rep. Elugardo	Before public land is sold, DCAM would determine if the property should be made available for affordable housing. If so, LHAs would have the opportunity to purchase. If purchased by an LHA, DHCD would oversee a program to organize tenants, educate tenants, learn about potential community benefits, etc.. These developments would receive a priority for state bond programs.
S.778	An Act relative to local public housing authorities	Sen. Brady	Allows CPA funds to be used for "extraordinary maintenance, equipment replacement betterments and additions in public housing."
S.791	An Act establishing a task force on elderly and disabled persons residing in public housing	Sen. DiZoglio	Task force to study the welfare of elderly and disabled persons residing in public housing.
S.792	An Act relative to public housing	Sen. DiZoglio	Creates new preferences for State Housing Voucher Programs and State Public Housing.
S.985	An Act relative to bullying in public housing	Sen. Lovely	Directs DHCD (Subject to appropriation) to setup a statewide tenant protective services ombuds program to provide resources to targets of bullying in public and private multifamily assisted housing