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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1818

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

January 18, 2008

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1818, as amended, Fuentes. Housing: 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 the sponsor, as defined, of a supportive housing development funded by the Multifamily Housing Program to restrict occupancy of the development to veterans 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.

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

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

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

23 (3) Assistance for projects meeting the definitions in paragraphs
24 (2) and (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 11139.3 of the Government
25 Code and subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 53260 shall be
26 excluded from the total assistance calculation under this
27 subdivision.

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

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

37 (6) The department’s annual report to the Legislature submitted
38 under Section 50408 shall include a breakdown of funding awards

1 between units restricted to senior citizens and units that are not
2 age-restricted.

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

6 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sponsor of
7 a supportive housing development, as defined in subdivision (b)
8 of Section 50675.14, may restrict occupancy to veterans, if all of
9 the following conditions apply:

10 (1) The veterans to be served possess significant barriers to
11 social reintegration and employment that require specialized
12 treatment and services and are due to a physical or mental
13 disability, substance abuse, or the effects of long-term
14 homelessness.

15 (2) *The veterans are otherwise eligible to reside in an assisted*
16 *unit.*

17 ~~(2)~~

18 (3) The sponsor also provides, or assists in providing, the
19 specialized treatment and services.

20 ~~(3)~~

21 (4) The development is located on property that is owned or
22 leased by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the
23 Department of Veterans Affairs and is leased to the sponsor for a
24 term of not less than 55 years.

25 ~~(4) The development meets all other requirements for assistance~~
26 ~~under this chapter and would have rated or ranked highly enough~~
27 ~~to receive that assistance without the occupancy restriction.~~