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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5390

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES."

- After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 8-30g of the general statutes is
- 4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 5 1, 2024):
- 6 (a) As used in this section, [and] section 8-30j and section 502 of this 7 act:
- 8 (1) "Affordable housing development" means a proposed housing
- 9 development which is (A) assisted housing, or (B) a set-aside
- 10 development;
- 11 (2) "Affordable housing application" means any application made to
- 12 a commission in connection with an affordable housing development by
- a person who proposes to develop such affordable housing;

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(3) "Assisted housing" means housing [which] that is receiving, or will receive, financial assistance under any governmental program for the construction or substantial rehabilitation of low and moderate income housing, and any housing occupied by persons receiving rental assistance under chapter 319uu or Section 1437f of Title 42 of the United States Code;

- (4) "Commission" means a zoning commission, planning commission, <u>combined</u> planning and zoning commission, zoning board of appeals or municipal agency exercising zoning or planning authority;
- 23 (5) "Municipality" means any town, city or borough, whether consolidated or unconsolidated;
 - (6) "Set-aside development" means a development in which not less than thirty per cent of the dwelling units will be conveyed by deeds containing covenants or restrictions which shall require that, for at least forty years after the initial occupation of the proposed development, such dwelling units shall be sold or rented at, or below, prices which will preserve the units as housing for which persons and families pay thirty per cent or less of their annual income, where such income is less than or equal to eighty per cent of the median income. In a set-aside development, of the dwelling units conveyed by deeds containing covenants or restrictions, a number of dwelling units equal to not less than fifteen per cent of all dwelling units in the development shall be sold or rented to persons and families whose income is less than or equal to sixty per cent of the median income and the remainder of the dwelling units conveyed by deeds containing covenants or restrictions shall be sold or rented to persons and families whose income is less than or equal to eighty per cent of the median income;
 - (7) "Median income" means, after adjustments for family size, the lesser of the state median income or the area median income for the area in which the municipality containing the affordable housing development is located, as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

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46 (8) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Housing.

Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) Each applicant who submits an affordable housing application to a commission shall provide a surety bond issued by a licensed insurance company, banking institution or surety company authorized to do business in this state, in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, as surety for the applicant's development of the project as specified in such application. The bond shall be in favor of the municipality in which such commission is located and shall have an effective period of one year.

(b) A municipality may proceed on such bond against the amount of such bond if the applicant withdraws such applicant's affordable housing application without good cause, as determined by the commission. Any proceeds of such bond recovered by the municipality shall be used by the municipality solely for (1) the development of affordable housing, as defined in section 8-39a of the general statutes, (2) capital improvements to the public property of the municipality, or (3) the acquisition or preservation of land designated as open space."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2024	8-30g(a)
Sec. 502	October 1, 2024	New section