

General Assembly February Session, 2024

Substitute Bill No. 207

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITY JURISDICTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this chapter, [shall] have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

6 [(a)] (1) "Area of operation" [includes the municipality in which a 7 housing authority is created under the provisions of this chapter and 8 may include a neighboring municipality, provided the governing body 9 of such neighboring municipality agrees by proper resolution to the 10 extension of the area of operation to include such neighboring 11 municipality] means a municipal area of operation and, if adopted by a 12 housing authority, includes an expanded area of operation.

[(b)] (2) "Authority" or "housing authority" means any of the public corporations created by section 8-40<u>, as amended by this act</u>, and the Connecticut Housing Authority when exercising the rights, powers, duties or privileges of, or subject to the immunities or limitations of, housing authorities pursuant to section 8-121.

18 [(c)] (3) "Bonds" means any bonds, including refunding bonds, notes,

interim certificates, debentures or other obligations issued by theauthority pursuant to this chapter.

21 [(d)] (4) "Clerk" means the clerk of the particular city, borough or 22 town for which a particular housing authority is created.

(5) "Eligible developer" or "developer" means (A) a nonprofit 23 24 corporation; (B) any business corporation incorporated pursuant to 25 chapter 601 or any predecessor statutes thereto, having as one of its 26 purposes the construction, rehabilitation, ownership or operation of 27 housing, and having its articles of incorporation approved by the 28 Commissioner of Housing in accordance with regulations adopted 29 pursuant to section 8-79a or 8-84; (C) any partnership, limited 30 partnership, joint venture, trust, limited liability company or association 31 having as one of its purposes the construction, rehabilitation, ownership 32 or operation of housing, and having its documents of organization 33 approved by the commissioner in accordance with regulations adopted 34 pursuant to section 8-79a or 8-84; (D) a housing authority; (E) a family 35 or person approved by the commissioner as qualified to own, construct, rehabilitate, manage and maintain housing under a mortgage loan made 36 37 or insured under an agreement entered into pursuant to the provisions 38 of this chapter; or (F) a municipal developer.

39 (6) "Expanded area of operation" means an area in a municipality
40 adopted by a housing authority under section 8-40, as amended by this
41 act, other than the municipality in which the housing authority is
42 located.

[(e)] (7) "Families of low income" means families who lack the amount of income [which] <u>that</u> is necessary, as determined by the authority undertaking the housing project, to enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, without overcrowding.

48 [(f)] (8) "Families of low and moderate income" means families who 49 lack the amount of income [which] <u>that</u> is necessary, as determined by the Commissioner of Housing, to enable them to rent or purchase
moderate cost housing without financial assistance as provided by this
part and parts II and III of this chapter.

53 (9) "Family" means a household consisting of one or more persons.

54 [(g)] (10) "Federal government" includes the United States of 55 America, the federal emergency administration of public works or any 56 other agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United 57 States of America.

[(h)] <u>(11)</u> "Governing body" means, for towns having a town council, the council; for other towns, the selectmen; for cities, the common council or other similar body of officials; and for boroughs, the warden and burgesses.

62 [(i)] (12) "Housing project" means any work or undertaking [(1)] to 63 (A) demolish, clear or remove buildings from any slum area, which 64 work or undertaking may embrace the adaptation of such area to public 65 purposes, including parks or other recreational or community purposes; 66 [or (2) to] (B) provide decent, safe and sanitary urban or rural dwellings, 67 apartments or other living accommodations for families of low or moderate income, which work or undertaking may include buildings, 68 69 land, equipment, facilities and other real or personal property for 70 necessary, convenient or desirable appurtenances, streets, sewers, water 71 service, parks, site preparation, gardening, administrative, community, 72 recreational, commercial or welfare purposes and may include the 73 acquisition and rehabilitation of existing dwelling units or structures to 74 be used for moderate or low rental units; or [(3) to] (C) accomplish a 75 combination of the foregoing. [The term "housing project" also may be 76 applied to] "Housing project" may also include the planning of the 77 buildings and improvements, the acquisition of property, the 78 demolition of existing structures, the construction, reconstruction, 79 alteration and repair of the improvements and all other work in 80 therewith connection and may include the reconstruction, 81 rehabilitation, alteration, or major repair of existing buildings or

82 improvements which were undertaken pursuant to parts II and VI of83 this chapter.

84 [(j) "Mayor" means, for cities, the mayor and, for boroughs, the 85 warden.]

86 [(k)] (13) "Moderate rental" means a rental which, as determined by 87 an authority with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Housing, is 88 below the level at which private enterprise is currently building a 89 needed volume of safe and sanitary dwellings for rental in the locality 90 involved; and "moderate rental housing project" means a housing 91 project, receiving state aid in the form of loans or grants, for families 92 unable to pay more than moderate rental. [Such project] "Moderate 93 rental housing project" may include the reconstruction, rehabilitation, 94 alteration, or major repair of existing buildings or improvements which 95 were undertaken pursuant to parts II or VI of this chapter.

- 96 (14) "Mortgage" means a mortgage deed, deed of trust or other 97 instrument that constitutes a lien, regardless of priority, on real estate or 98 on a leasehold interest under a lease having a remaining term, at the 99 time such mortgage is executed, which does not expire for at least that 100 number of years beyond the maturity date of the obligation secured by 101 such mortgage as is equal to the number of years remaining until the 102 maturity date of such obligation.
- 103 (15) "Municipal area of operation" includes the municipality in which

a housing authority is created under the provisions of this chapter and
 may include any other municipality, as provided in section 8-40, as

106 <u>amended by this act.</u>

107 (16) "Municipal developer" means a municipality that has not 108 declared by resolution a need for a housing authority pursuant to 109 section 8-40, as amended by this act, acting by and through its legislative 110 body, except that in any town in which a town meeting or representative 111 town meeting is the legislative body, "municipal developer" means the 112 board of selectmen if such board is authorized to act as the municipal 113 <u>developer by the town meeting or representative town meeting.</u>

114 [(l)] <u>(17)</u> "Municipality" means any city, borough or town. "The 115 municipality" means the particular municipality for which a particular 116 housing authority is created.

(18) "Nonprofit corporation" means a nonprofit corporation
 incorporated pursuant to chapter 602 or any predecessor statutes
 thereto, having as one of its purposes the construction, rehabilitation,
 ownership or operation of housing and having articles of incorporation
 approved by the Commissioner of Housing in accordance with
 regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-79a or 8-84.

[(m)] (<u>19</u>) "Obligee of the authority" or "obligee" includes any bondholder, trustee or trustees for any bondholders, or lessor demising to the authority property used in connection with a housing project, or any assignee or assignees of such lessor's interest or any part thereof, and the state or federal government when it is a party to any contract with the authority.

[(n)] (20) "Real property" includes all lands, including improvements and fixtures thereon, and property of any nature appurtenant thereto, or used in connection therewith, and every estate, interest and right, legal or equitable, therein, including terms for years and liens by way of judgment, mortgage or otherwise and the indebtedness secured by such liens.

[(o)] (<u>21</u>) "Rent" means the entire amount paid to an authority for any
dwelling unit.

[(p)] (22) "Shelter rent" means rent less any charges made by an
authority for water, heat, gas and electricity.

[(q)] (23) "Slum" means any area where dwellings predominate
which, by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or
design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or any combination
of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health and morals.

143 [(r)] (24) "State public body" means any city, borough, town, 144 municipal corporation, district or other subdivision of the state.

[(s)] (25) "Veteran" has the <u>same</u> meaning [assigned by] <u>as provided</u> in section 27-103 and includes any officer of the United States Public Health Service detailed by proper authority to duty with any of the armed forces and the spouse or widow or widower of such veteran, provided such veteran [shall have] served for a period of ninety days or more in time of war after December 7, 1941, and [shall have] resided in this state at any time continuously for two years.

152 [(t) "Family" means a household consisting of one or more persons.

153 (u) "Eligible developer" or "developer" means (1) a nonprofit 154 corporation; (2) any business corporation incorporated pursuant to 155 chapter 601 or any predecessor statutes thereto, having as one of its 156 purposes the construction, rehabilitation, ownership or operation of 157 housing, and having articles of incorporation approved by the 158 commissioner in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to 159 section 8-79a or 8-84; (3) any partnership, limited partnership, joint 160 venture, trust, limited liability company or association having as one of 161 its purposes the construction, rehabilitation, ownership or operation of 162 housing, and having basic documents of organization approved by the 163 commissioner in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to 164 section 8-79a or 8-84; (4) a housing authority; (5) a family or person 165 approved by the commissioner as qualified to own, construct, 166 rehabilitate, manage and maintain housing under a mortgage loan made 167 or insured under an agreement entered into pursuant to the provisions 168 of this chapter; or (6) a municipal developer.

(v) "Mortgage" means a mortgage deed, deed of trust, or other instrument which shall constitute a lien, whether first or second, on real estate or on a leasehold under a lease having a remaining term, at the time such mortgage is acquired, which does not expire for at least that number of years beyond the maturity date of the obligation secured by such mortgage as is equal to the number of years remaining until the 175 maturity date of such obligation.

(w) "Nonprofit corporation" means a nonprofit corporation
incorporated pursuant to chapter 602 or any predecessor statutes
thereto, having as one of its purposes the construction, rehabilitation,
ownership or operation of housing and having articles of incorporation
approved by the Commissioner of Housing in accordance with
regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-79a or 8-84.

182 (x) "Municipal developer" means a municipality, as defined in 183 subsection (l) of this section, which has not declared by resolution a need 184 for a housing authority pursuant to section 8-40, acting by and through 185 its legislative body, except that in any town in which a town meeting or 186 representative town meeting is the legislative body, "municipal 187 developer" means the board of selectmen if such board is authorized to 188 act as the municipal developer by the town meeting or representative 189 town meeting.]

190 Sec. 2. Section 8-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the 191 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

192 (a) In each municipality of the state there is created a public body 193 corporate and politic to be known as the "housing authority" of the 194 municipality₂ [;] provided such authority shall not transact any business 195 or exercise its powers [hereunder] under this section until the governing 196 body of the municipality by resolution declares that there is need for a 197 housing authority in the municipality. [, provided it] Within such 198 resolution, the governing body shall find [(1)] that (1) insanitary or 199 unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in the municipality, 200 [or] (2) [that] there is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling 201 accommodations in the municipality available to families of low income 202 at rentals they can afford, or (3) [that] there is a shortage of safe or 203 sanitary dwelling accommodations in the municipality available to 204 families of moderate income at rentals they can afford. In determining 205 whether dwelling accommodations are unsafe or insanitary, [said] such 206 governing body may take into consideration the degree of overcrowding, the percentage of land coverage, the light, air, space and
access available to the inhabitants of such dwelling accommodations,
the size and arrangement of the rooms, the sanitary facilities and the
extent to which conditions exist in such buildings which endanger life
or property by fire or other causes.

212 (b) The governing bodies of two or more municipalities may create a 213 regional housing authority, which shall have all the powers, duties and 214 responsibilities conferred upon housing authorities by this chapter and 215 chapter 130. The area of operation of such authority shall include the 216 municipalities for which such authority is created and any expanded 217 area of operation adopted by such authority. Such authority shall act 218 through a board of commissioners composed of two representatives 219 from each municipality appointed for terms of four years in the manner 220 provided in section 8-41.

(c) Any housing authority or regional housing authority established pursuant to this section may adopt an expanded area of operation.

Sec. 3. Section 8-44b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

225 (a) Any housing authority created by section 8-40, as amended by this 226 <u>act</u>, shall have the power to establish <u>and maintain</u> a housing authority 227 police force, [the] except that no housing authority shall have the power 228 to establish or maintain a housing authority police force in an expanded 229 area of operation. The members of [which] any such housing authority 230 police force shall be employees of such housing authority and shall be 231 known as housing authority police officers. Housing authority police 232 officers shall be appointed by the local board, agency or person 233 empowered to appoint municipal police officers, subject to approval [of] 234 by the housing authority. The requirements for appointment as a police 235 officer in the municipality in which the housing authority is located, 236 except for age and physical qualifications, shall be mandatory for 237 housing authority police officers in such municipality. No person shall 238 be appointed to such housing authority police force unless [he] such

239 person has been awarded a certificate attesting to [his] such person's 240 successful completion of an approved municipal police basic training 241 program, as provided in section 7-294e. The initial appointment shall be 242 for a probationary term upon the completion of which the appointing 243 authority may promote such probationary officers to permanent status; 244 provided such promotion shall be in accordance with procedures 245 applicable to municipal police officers in the municipality and shall be 246 made subject to the approval of the housing authority. Housing 247 authority police officers shall have and exercise the powers and 248 authority conferred upon municipal police officers and shall be subject 249 to the ultimate supervision and control of the chief of police of the municipality in which the housing authority operates. 250

251 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, 252 any housing authority police force [which] that existed prior to October 253 1, 1970, pursuant to Title 1 of Public Law 89-754, 80 Stat. 1255, the 254 Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966, and 255 which, for any reason, does not constitute a housing authority police 256 force pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall constitute a housing 257 authority police force pursuant to this subsection and the members of 258 any such police [forces] force may exercise the powers granted to such 259 members pursuant to this subsection. The members of such police force 260 may act, at the expense of the municipality, as special police officers 261 upon property owned or managed by any housing authority. Such 262 special police officers: (1) May arrest, without previous complaint and 263 warrant, any person for any offense in their jurisdiction, when such 264 person is taken or apprehended in the act or on the speedy information 265 of others; (2) when in the immediate pursuit of one who may be arrested 266 under the provisions of this subsection, may pursue such offender 267 outside of their jurisdiction into any part of the municipality to effect an 268 arrest; (3) shall be peace officers, as defined in subdivision (9) of section 269 53a-3; (4) shall have the authority to serve criminal process within their 270 jurisdiction; (5) shall, when on duty, wear a uniform, distinct in color 271 from that worn by the police officers of the municipality; (6) shall, when 272 on duty, wear in plain view a shield, distinct in shape from that worn by the police officers of the municipality which [shall bear] <u>bears</u> the
words "special police"; (7) shall complete a forty-hour basic training
program provided by the municipality within one hundred eighty days
of June 27, 1983; <u>and</u> (8) shall take an oath of office.

277 Sec. 4. Section 8-50 of the general statutes is repealed and the 278 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

279 An authority shall have the right to acquire by the exercise of the 280 power of eminent domain any real property [which] that is not located 281 in an expanded area of operation if it deems such property necessary for 282 its purposes under this chapter after the adoption by [it] such authority 283 of a resolution declaring that the acquisition of such real property 284 described [therein] in such resolution is necessary for such purposes. An 285 authority, in its own name and at its own expense and cost, may prefer 286 a petition and exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner 287 provided in section 48-12 and acts supplementary thereto, except that a 288 housing authority's power of eminent domain shall not extend to an 289 expanded area of operation. Property already devoted to a public use 290 may be acquired, provided no real property belonging to the 291 municipality, the state or any political subdivision thereof may be 292 acquired without its consent.

Sec. 5. Section 8-45a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

295 A housing authority, [as defined in subsection (b) of section 8-39,] in 296 determining eligibility for the rental of public housing units, may 297 establish criteria and consider relevant information concerning (1) an 298 applicant's or any proposed occupant's history of criminal activity 299 involving: (A) Crimes of physical violence to persons or property, (B) 300 crimes involving the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or use of, or 301 possession with intent to manufacture, sell, use or distribute, a 302 controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240, or (C) other criminal 303 acts which would adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of other 304 tenants, (2) an applicant's or any proposed occupant's abuse, or pattern

305 of abuse, of alcohol when the housing authority has reasonable cause to 306 believe that such applicant's or proposed occupant's abuse, or pattern of 307 abuse, of alcohol may interfere with the health, safety or right to 308 peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents, and (3) an 309 applicant or any proposed occupant who is subject to a lifetime 310 registration requirement under section 54-252 on account of being 311 convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a 312 sexually violent offense. In evaluating any such information, the 313 housing authority shall [give consideration to] consider the time, nature 314 and extent of the applicant's or proposed occupant's conduct and to 315 factors which might indicate a reasonable probability of favorable future 316 conduct such as evidence of rehabilitation and evidence of the 317 willingness of the applicant, the applicant's family or the proposed 318 occupant to participate in social service or other appropriate counseling 319 programs and the availability of such programs.

Sec. 6. Subdivision (29) of section 12-412 of the 2024 supplement to
the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

323 (29) (A) Sales of and the storage, use or other consumption of tangible 324 personal property acquired for incorporation into or used and 325 consumed in the operation of housing facilities for low and moderate 326 income families and persons and sales of and the acceptance, use or 327 other consumption of any service described in subdivision (2) of section 328 12-407 that is used and consumed in the development, construction, 329 rehabilitation, renovation, repair or operation of housing facilities for 330 low and moderate income families and persons, provided such facilities 331 are constructed under the sponsorship of and owned or operated by 332 nonprofit housing organizations or housing authorities, as defined in 333 [subsection (b) of] section 8-39, as amended by this act. The nonprofit 334 housing organization or housing authority sponsoring the construction 335 of or owning or operating such housing facility shall obtain from the 336 commissioner a letter of determination that the housing facility has, to 337 the satisfaction of said commissioner, met all the requirements for

338 exemption under this subsection. At the time of any sale or purchase 339 that is exempt under this subsection, the purchaser shall present to the 340 retailer a copy of the determination letter that was issued to the 341 nonprofit housing organization or housing authority together with a 342 certificate from the purchaser, in such form as the commissioner may 343 prescribe, certifying that the tangible personal property or services that 344 are being purchased from the retailer are to be used or consumed 345 exclusively for the purposes of incorporation into or in the 346 development, construction, rehabilitation, renovation, repair or 347 operation of the housing facility identified in the letter of determination. 348 For the purposes of this subsection, (i) "nonprofit housing organization" 349 means any organization which has as one of its purposes the 350 development, construction, sponsorship or ownership of housing for 351 low and moderate income families as stated in its charter, if it is 352 incorporated, or its constitution or bylaws, if it is unincorporated, and 353 which has received exemption from federal income tax under the 354 provisions of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended 355 from time to time, provided the charter of such organization, if it is 356 incorporated, or its constitution or bylaws, if unincorporated, shall 357 contain a provision that no officer, member or employee [thereof] of 358 such organization shall receive or at any future time may receive any 359 pecuniary profit from the operation thereof, except a reasonable 360 compensation for services in effecting the purposes of the organization; 361 (ii) "housing facilities" means facilities having as their primary purpose 362 the provision of safe and adequate housing and related facilities for low 363 and moderate income families and persons, notwithstanding that [said] 364 such housing provides other dwelling accommodations in addition to 365 the primary purpose of providing dwelling accommodations for low 366 and moderate income families; (iii) "related facilities" means those 367 facilities defined in subsection (d) of section 8-243; and (iv) "low and 368 moderate income families" means those families as defined in 369 subsection (h) of said section 8-243.

370 (B) Sales of and the acceptance, use or other consumption of any 371 service described in subdivision (2) of section 12-407 that is used or 372 consumed in the development, construction, renovation or operation of
373 housing facilities for low and moderate income families and persons,
374 provided such facilities are owned or sponsored by a mutual housing
375 association, as defined in subsection (b) of section 8-214f, and operated
as mutual housing by such association at a location that was conveyed
to such association by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban
378 Development prior to September 1, 1995.

Sec. 7. Section 8-389 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

381 Upon the incorporation of a successfully negotiated regional fair 382 housing compact into a regional plan of conservation and development 383 by a regional planning agency pursuant to section 8-386, the 384 Commissioner of Housing and the Connecticut Housing Authority may 385 give priority to any application for financial or technical assistance made 386 by a municipality, housing authority or eligible developer, as defined in 387 [subsection (u) of] section 8-39, as amended by this act, in connection 388 with any project located in a municipality which has approved the 389 regional fair housing compact pursuant to section 8-386.

Sec. 8. Subdivision (9) of section 12-631 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2024):

(9) "Families of low and moderate income" means families meeting
the criteria for designation as families of low and moderate income
established by the Commissioner of Housing pursuant to [subsection
(f)] <u>subdivision (8)</u> of section 8-39, as amended by this act.

397 Sec. 9. Section 8-113a of the general statutes is repealed and the 398 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this part, [shall]
have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning
clearly appears from the context:

402 [(a)] (1) "Authority" or "housing authority" means any of the public
403 corporations created by section 8-40, as amended by this act.

404 [(b) "Municipality" means any city, borough or town. "The
405 municipality" means the particular municipality for which a particular
406 housing authority is created.

407 (c) "Governing body" means, for towns having a town council, the
408 council; for other towns, the selectmen; for cities, the common council
409 or other similar body of officials; and for boroughs, the warden and
410 burgesses.

(d) "Mayor" means, for cities, the mayor, and, for boroughs, the
warden. "Clerk" means the clerk of the particular city, borough or town
for which a particular housing authority is created.

(e) "Area of operation" shall include the municipality in which a
housing authority is created under the provisions of this chapter, and
may include a neighboring municipality, provided the governing body
of such neighboring municipality shall agree by proper resolution to the
extension of the area of operation to include such neighboring
municipality.]

420 (2) "Bonds" means any bonds, notes, interim certificates, certificates
421 of indebtedness, debentures or other obligations issued by the authority
422 pursuant to this chapter.

423 (3) "Elderly persons" means persons sixty-two years of age and over who lack the amount of income that is necessary, as determined by the 424 authority or nonprofit corporation, subject to approval by the 425 426 Commissioner of Housing, to enable them to live in decent, safe and 427 sanitary dwellings without financial assistance as provided under this 428 part, or persons who have been certified by the Social Security Board as 429 being totally disabled under the federal Social Security Act or certified 430 by any other federal board or agency as being totally disabled.

431 <u>(4) "Housing partnership" means any partnership, limited</u>

432 partnership, joint venture, trust or association consisting of (A) a 433 housing authority, a nonprofit corporation or both, and (B) (i) a business 434 corporation incorporated pursuant to chapter 601 or any predecessor 435 statutes thereto, having as one of its purposes the construction, 436 rehabilitation, ownership or operation of housing, and having articles of 437 incorporation approved by the commissioner in accordance with 438 regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-79a or 8-84, (ii) a for-profit 439 partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, trust, limited liability 440 company or association having as one of its purposes the construction, 441 rehabilitation, ownership or operation of housing, and having basic 442 documents of organization approved by the commissioner in 443 accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-79a or 8-84, 444 or (iii) any combination of the entities included under subparagraphs 445 (B)(i) and (B)(ii) of this subdivision.

446 [(f)] (5) "Housing project" means any work or undertaking [(1)] (A) to 447 demolish, clear or remove buildings from any slum area, which work or 448 undertaking may embrace the adaptation of such area to public 449 purposes, including parks or other recreational or community purposes; 450 [(2)] (B) to provide decent, safe and sanitary urban or rural dwellings, 451 apartments or other living accommodations for elderly persons, which 452 work or undertaking may include buildings, land, equipment, facilities 453 and other real or personal property for necessary, convenient or 454 desirable appurtenances, streets, sewers, water service, parks, site 455 preparation, gardening, administrative, community, recreational or 456 welfare purposes; [(3)] (C) to provide a continuum of housing 457 comprising independent living accommodations, residential care, 458 intermediate housing facilities and skilled nursing care and facilities 459 with ready access to medical and hospital services; or [(4)] (D) to 460 accomplish a combination of the [foregoing. The term "housing project" 461 also may be applied to] purposes specified in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of this subdivision. "Housing project" may also include the 462 463 planning of the buildings and improvements, the acquisition of 464 property, the demolition of existing structures, the construction, 465 reconstruction, alteration and repair of the improvements and all other 466 work in connection therewith.

467 [(g) "Bonds" means any bonds, notes, interim certificates, certificates
468 of indebtedness, debentures or other obligations issued by the authority
469 pursuant to this chapter.

(h) "Real property" shall include all lands, including improvements
and fixtures thereon, and property of any nature appurtenant thereto,
or used in connection therewith, and every estate, interest and right,
legal or equitable, therein, including terms for years and liens by way of
judgment, mortgage or otherwise and the indebtedness secured by such
liens.

(i) "Obligee of the authority" or "obligee" shall include any
bondholder, trustee or trustees for any bondholders, or lessor demising
to the authority property used in connection with a housing project, or
any assignee or assignees of such lessor's interest or any part thereof,
and the state government when it is a party to any contract with the
authority.

(j) "State public body" means any city, borough, town, municipalcorporation, district or other subdivision of the state.]

484 [(k)] (6) "Rent" means the entire amount paid to a local authority,
485 nonprofit corporation or housing partnership for any dwelling unit.

[(1)] (7) "Shelter rent" means "rent" as defined [herein] <u>in this section</u>, less any charges made by a local authority, nonprofit corporation or housing partnership for water, heat, gas, electricity and sewer use charges.

490 [(m) "Elderly persons" means persons sixty-two years of age and over 491 who lack the amount of income which is necessary, as determined by 492 the authority or nonprofit corporation, subject to approval by the 493 Commissioner of Housing, to enable them to live in decent, safe and 494 sanitary dwellings without financial assistance as provided under this 495 part, or persons who have been certified by the Social Security Board as 496 being totally disabled under the federal Social Security Act or certified497 by any other federal board or agency as being totally disabled.

498 "Housing partnership" means any partnership, limited (n) 499 partnership, joint venture, trust or association consisting of (1) a housing 500 authority, a nonprofit corporation or both and (2) (A) a business 501 corporation incorporated pursuant to chapter 601 or any predecessor 502 statutes thereto, having as one of its purposes the construction, 503 rehabilitation, ownership or operation of housing, and having articles of 504 incorporation approved by the commissioner in accordance with 505 regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-79a or 8-84, (B) a for-profit 506 partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, trust, limited liability 507 company or association having as one of its purposes the construction, 508 rehabilitation, ownership or operation of housing, and having basic 509 documents of organization approved by the commissioner in 510 accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-79a or 8-84 511 or (C) any combination of the entities included under subparagraphs 512 (A) and (B) of this subdivision.]

513 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 8-116c of the general statutes is 514 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 515 *1*, 2024):

516 (a) An elderly person [, as defined in subsection (m) of section 8-113a,] 517 shall not be eligible to move into a housing project [, as defined in 518 subsection (f) of section 8-113a,] if the person (1) is currently using illegal 519 drugs, (2) is currently abusing alcohol and has a recent history of 520 disruptive or dangerous behavior and whose tenancy (A) would 521 constitute a direct threat to the health or safety of another individual, or 522 (B) would result in substantial physical damage to the property of 523 another, (3) has a recent history of disruptive or dangerous behavior and 524 whose tenancy (A) would constitute a direct threat to the health and 525 safety of another individual, or (B) would result in substantial physical 526 damage to the property of another, or (4) was convicted of the illegal 527 sale or possession of a controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-528 240, within the prior twenty-four-month period.

529 Sec. 11. Section 8-116d of the general statutes is repealed and the 530 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

531 Any elderly person [, as defined in subsection (m) of section 8-113a,] 532 who applies for and is accepted for admission to a housing project 533 pursuant to this part or part VII of this chapter or pursuant to any other 534 state or federal housing assistance program may terminate the lease or 535 rental agreement for the dwelling unit that he or she occupies at the time 536 of such acceptance, without the penalty or liability for the remaining 537 term of the lease or rental agreement, upon giving thirty days' written 538 notice to the landlord of such dwelling unit.

539 Sec. 12. Section 8-119h of the general statutes is repealed and the 540 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

541 Upon preliminary approval by the State Bond Commission pursuant 542 to the provisions of section 3-20, the state, acting by and through the 543 Commissioner of Housing, may enter into a contract or contracts with 544 an authority, a municipal developer, a nonprofit corporation or a 545 housing partnership for state financial assistance for a congregate 546 housing project, in the form of capital grants, interim loans, permanent 547 loans, deferred loans or any combination thereof for application to the 548 development cost of such project or projects. A contract with an 549 authority, a municipal developer, a nonprofit corporation or a housing 550 partnership may provide that in the case of any loan made in 551 conjunction with any housing assistance funds provided by an agency 552 of the United States government, if such housing assistance funds 553 terminate prior to complete repayment of a loan made pursuant to this 554 section, the remaining balance of such loan may be converted to a capital 555 grant or decreased loan. Any such state assistance contract with an 556 authority, a municipal developer, a nonprofit corporation or a housing 557 partnership for a capital grant or loan entered into prior to the time 558 housing assistance funds became available from an agency of the United 559 States government, may, upon the mutual consent of the commissioner 560 and the authority, municipal developer, nonprofit corporation or 561 housing partnership, be renegotiated to provide for a loan or increased

562 loan in the place of a capital grant or loan or a part thereof, consistent 563 with the above conditions. Such capital grants or loans shall be in an 564 amount not in excess of the development cost of the project or projects, 565 including, in the case of grants or loans financed from the proceeds of 566 the state's general obligation bonds issued pursuant to any 567 authorization, allocation or approval of the State Bond Commission 568 made prior to July 1, 1990, administrative or other cost or expense to be 569 incurred by the state in connection therewith, as approved by said 570 commissioner. In anticipation of final payment of such capital grants or 571 loans, the state, acting by and through said commissioner and in 572 accordance with such contract, may make temporary advances to the 573 authority, municipal developer, nonprofit corporation or housing 574 partnership for preliminary planning expense or other development 575 cost of such project or projects. Any loan provided pursuant to this 576 section shall bear interest at a rate to be determined in accordance with 577 subsection (t) of section 3-20. Any such authority, municipal developer, 578 nonprofit corporation or housing partnership may, subject to the 579 approval of the Commissioner of Housing, contract with any other 580 person approved by the Commissioner of Housing for the operation of 581 a project undertaken pursuant to this part. As used in this section, "housing partnership" has the same meaning as provided in [subsection 582 583 (n) of section 8-113a, as amended by this act.

584 Sec. 13. Section 8-119*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the 585 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

The state, acting by and through the Commissioner of Housing, may 586 587 enter into a contract or contracts with an authority, a municipal 588 developer, a nonprofit corporation or a housing partnership for state 589 financial assistance in the form of a grant-in-aid for an operating cost 590 subsidy for state-financed congregate housing projects developed 591 pursuant to this part. In calculating the amount of the grant-in-aid, the 592 commissioner shall use adjusted gross income of tenants. As used in this 593 section, "adjusted gross income" means annual aggregate income from 594 all sources minus fifty per cent of all unreimbursable medical expenses

595 [. As used in this section,] and "housing partnership" has the same

596 meaning as provided in [subsection (n) of] section 8-113a, as amended

597 <u>by this act</u>.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-39
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-40
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-44b
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-50
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-45a
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	12-412(29)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-389
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	12-631(9)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-113a
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	8-116c(a)
Sec. 11	October 1, 2024	8-116d
Sec. 12	October 1, 2024	8-119h
Sec. 13	October 1, 2024	8-1191

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(12), the designators were changed to subparagraphs and in Section 9(7), "herein" was changed to "<u>in this section</u>", for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

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