

sASSEMBLY OVERSIGHT, REFORM AND FEDERAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3981

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3981.

This bill subjects certain types of rooming and boarding houses, regulated by the Department of Community Affairs, to municipal land use regulations.

Current law provides that no owner or operator of a rooming or boarding house is to be subject to regulation by any county or municipality for the purposes described in the "Rooming and Boarding House Act of 1979," P.L.1979, c.496 (C.55:13B-1 et seq.), except for an explicit exemption that subjects rooming and boarding houses to municipal construction regulations. The bill establishes an additional explicit exemption to require owners and operators of rooming and boarding houses be subject to municipal land use regulations. The bill also requires the prospective owner or operator of a cooperative sober living residence to submit to the State proof of certain local approvals as a condition of State issuance of a Class F license, described in N.J.A.C.5:27-1.6, to own or operate a cooperative sober living residence.