

1 H.772

2 Introduced by Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs

3 Date:

4 Subject: Municipal and county government; housing authorities; Vermont  
5 state housing authority

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit the allocation of federal  
7 rental subsidies by persons other than subcontractors acting under state  
8 authority or by state public bodies.

9 An act relating to allocation of federal rental subsidies

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. FINDINGS

12 The general assembly finds:

13 (1) The administration of rental housing subsidies in Vermont, including  
14 federal housing funds, is a public and essential government function focused  
15 primarily on assuring safe and decent housing for low-income and  
16 moderate-income persons without undue regard for the generation of profit or  
17 surplus.

18 (2) In recent years, private entities, including nominally private entities  
19 controlled by public jurisdictions in other states, have sought contracts to  
20 administer allocations of federal rental subsidies throughout the United States.

1           (3) To the maximum extent permitted by law, it is the purpose of this act  
2 to limit the administrative control of federal rental subsidies to public bodies in  
3 Vermont.

4           Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. § 4005 is amended to read:

5           § 4005. VERMONT STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ESTABLISHMENT,  
6                           MEMBERS, POWERS

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8           (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person foreign or  
9 domestic is authorized to administer allocations of money under 42 U.S.C.  
10 § 1437a, 1437f, or another federal statute authorizing rental subsidies for the  
11 benefit of low- or moderate-income persons except for a subcontractor acting  
12 under the ~~authority of the state~~ *state authority* or ~~a state body~~ *a state public*  
13 *body* authorized by law to administer such allocations.