



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6354**

LCO No. 1701



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2021*):

4 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant  
5 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall apply for such grant  
6 to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter resides or to the  
7 duly authorized agent of such assessor or municipality on or after April  
8 first and not later than October first of each year with respect to such  
9 grant for the calendar year preceding each such year, on a form  
10 prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
11 Management to the assessor. Municipalities that require notarization of  
12 a landlord verification of property rental on an application under this  
13 section shall (1) exempt a renter from the requirement if a landlord  
14 verification for the same property rental by the same renter has been  
15 previously notarized, and (2) shall not delay submission of the

16 application of an otherwise qualified renter to the Secretary of the Office  
17 of Policy and Management if the renter (A) fails to meet the deadline for  
18 notarizing such landlord verification, or (B) fails to meet the deadline  
19 for submission because of illness or incapacitation as evidenced by a  
20 certificate signed by a physician or an advanced practice registered  
21 nurse. A renter may apply to the secretary prior to December fifteenth  
22 of the claim year for an extension of the application period. The  
23 secretary may grant such extension in the case of extenuating  
24 circumstance due to illness or incapacitation as evidenced by a  
25 certificate signed by a physician or an advanced practice registered  
26 nurse to that extent, or if the secretary determines there is good cause  
27 for doing so. A renter making such application shall present to such  
28 assessor or agent, in substantiation of the renter's application, a copy of  
29 the renter's federal income tax return, and if not required to file a federal  
30 income tax return, such other evidence of qualifying income, receipts for  
31 money received, or cancelled checks, or copies thereof, and any other  
32 evidence the assessor or such agent may require. When the assessor or  
33 agent is satisfied that the applying renter is entitled to a grant, such  
34 assessor or agent shall issue a certificate of grant in such form as the  
35 secretary may prescribe and supply showing the amount of the grant  
36 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	12-170f(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To reduce obstacles for senior citizens and persons with disabilities to apply for rental assistance.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*