

1 Introduced by House Committee on General, Housing, and and Military

2 Affairs

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Housing; COVID-19

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide

7 Coronavirus Relief Fund monies to respond to housing-related needs due to the

8 COVID-19 crisis.

9 An act relating to COVID-19 housing response

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

11 Sec. 1. COVID-19 RESPONSE; HOUSING

12 The following amounts are appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund

13 to the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide

14 funding to housing partners and service providers for the purposes specified:

15 (1) Legal services. \$550,000 to provide legal and counseling services to

16 persons who are, or at risk of, experiencing homelessness, or who have

17 suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19 crisis.

1 (2) Shelter rehabilitation. \$9,000,000 for the rehabilitation of homeless
2 shelters to achieve compliance with guidance of the Centers for Disease
3 Control and ensure public health.

4 (3) Foreclosure protection. \$5,000,000 to provide assistance to persons
5 who are, or at risk of, foreclosure due to the COVID-19 crisis.

6 (4) Rental assistance; eviction protection. \$30,000,000 to provide rental
7 assistance to persons who have suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19
8 crisis, including for rental arrearages incurred since April 1, 2020 and for
9 security deposits and expenses to secure new rental housing.

10 (5) Capital expenses. \$2,000,000 for...

11 (6) Rehousing investments. \$5,000,000 to assist landlords with the costs
12 of renovations necessary to provide housing to persons who are, or who are at
13 risk of, experiencing homelessness or who require re-housing due to the
14 COVID-19 crisis.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage.