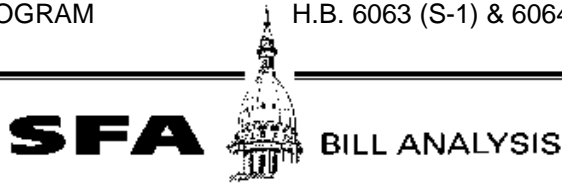


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House Bill 6063 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
House Bill 6064 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Sandra Caul (House Bill 6063)
Representative Doug Hart (House Bill 6064)
House Committee: Family and Children Services
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CONTENT

House Bill 6063 (H-1) would amend the Social Welfare Act to require a landlord who participated in the Family Independence Agency (FIA) rent vendoring program to certify that the property met certain safety and health-related standards; and require the FIA to terminate a landlord's participation in the vendoring program for a dwelling unit if a housing code violation were a health or safety hazard. House Bill 6063 (H-1) would amend the Housing Law of Michigan to specify that a complaint about a dwelling where a child lived would have to be inspected before other nonemergency complaints were inspected; require an enforcing agency to notify the FIA within 48 hours after an inspector found safety or health violations, and require the FIA to compare that property with its list of rent-vendored recipients.

Under House Bill 6063 (H-1), a provider of housing in the FIA rent vendoring program would have to certify that the dwelling unit did not have a condition that would facilitate the spread of a communicable disease; was fit for human habitation; and was not dangerous to life or health due to lack of repair of, a defect in, or the construction of a drainage source or device, plumbing, lighting, ventilation, or a heating source or device.

If an enforcing agency notified the FIA of a housing code violation that constituted a hazard to the health or safety of the occupants, the FIA would have to terminate the rent vendoring program for the dwelling unit until the violation was corrected. A landlord or housing provider could not evict an occupant based solely on termination of participation in the rent vendoring program pursuant to the bill. An occupant who was evicted in violation of the bill could bring an action to recover treble damages, costs of the action, and reasonable attorney fees.

Proposed MCL 400.57i (H.B. 6063)
MCL 125.526 & 125.532 (H.B. 6064)

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FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 6063 (H-1) would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State government. The termination and restoration of a landlord from and to the rent vendoring program and the deposit in escrow of suspended rental payments could result in a small increase in FIA administrative costs. The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

House Bill 6064 (H-1) would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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