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Senate Bill 230 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Virg Bernero
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Housing Law of Michigan to make an exception to the current provision under which a building may not be removed unless the cost of its repair will be greater than the building's State equalized valuation (SEV). Under the bill, this would not apply in urban core cities that had adopted stricter standards to expedite the rehabilitation or removal of a boarded or abandoned building or structure that remained vacant and/or boarded, and a significant attempt had not been made to rehabilitate the building or structure for a period of 24 consecutive months.

"Urban core cities" would mean qualified local governmental units as defined in the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act. (Under that Act, "qualified local governmental unit" refers to a city or township with a median family income of 150% or less of the statewide median family income as reported in the 1990 Federal census, that meets certain population criteria, contains an eligible distressed area, or meets other conditions; a village with a population of 500 or more designated a rural enterprise community before 1998; or a city that has a population of more than 20,000 or less than 5,000, is located in a county with a population of 2 million or more, and, as of January 1, 2000, had an overall increase in SEV of less than 65% of the statewide average since 1972.)

(Under the Housing Law, if the owner or occupant of a building fails to comply with a local enforcing agency's order to correct a violation, the agency may bring an action to enforce the Law and to abate or enjoin the violation. In making its determinations and orders, the court may authorize the agency to make repairs or to remove the building.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a negligible fiscal impact on State government and a minimal fiscal impact on local government.

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