

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5759

May 30, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Hoskins, Wilson, Weiss, Price, O'Neal, Hope, Morgan, Tsernoglou and Brenda Carter and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Small Business.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
by amending section 57i (MCL 400.57i), as amended by 2011 PA 131.

## **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1       Sec. 57i. (1) If a landlord or provider of housing
- 2 participates in the department rent vendoring program, the landlord
- 3 shall certify that the dwelling unit being provided meets all of
- 4 the following requirements:
- 5       (a) The dwelling unit does not have a condition that would

1 facilitate the spread of a communicable disease. As used in this  
2 subdivision, "communicable disease" means that term as defined in  
3 section 5101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.5101.

4 (b) The dwelling unit is fit for human habitation.

5 (c) The dwelling unit is not dangerous to life or health due  
6 to lack of repair of, a defect in, or the construction of a  
7 drainage source or device, plumbing, lighting, ventilation, or a  
8 heating source or device.

9 (2) If the department is notified by an enforcing agency that  
10 a landlord or provider of housing has a violation of a housing code  
11 that constitutes a hazard to the health or safety of the occupants,  
12 the department shall terminate that landlord's or provider's  
13 participation in the rent vendoring program for the dwelling unit  
14 until the violation is corrected.

15 (3) A landlord or provider of housing shall not evict an  
16 occupant from a dwelling unit based solely on termination of the  
17 landlord's or provider's participation in the rent vendoring  
18 program due to action taken by the department under subsection (2)  
19 or subsection (4). An occupant who is evicted in violation of this  
20 subsection may bring an action in any court having jurisdiction to  
21 recover treble damages, costs of the action, and reasonable  
22 attorney fees.

23 (4) If the department is notified that a landlord or provider  
24 of housing is delinquent on payment of property taxes or if the  
25 title of the property reverts to ~~the~~**this** state for nonpayment of  
26 property taxes, the department shall terminate that landlord's or  
27 provider of housing's participation in the rent vendoring program  
28 for that property.

29 **(5) Not later than 60 days after the state court**

1 administrative office creates the form required under section 4a of  
2 the truth in renting act, 1978 PA 454, MCL 554.643a, the department  
3 must have copies of the form available in its office and make the  
4 form easily accessible on its website.

5 (6) As used in this section, "form" means the form described  
6 under section 4a of the truth in renting act, 1978 PA 454, MCL  
7 554.643a.

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
9 unless Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No.\_\_\_\_ (request no.  
10 04069'23 \*) of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.