

THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 280 of 1939

400.57i Rent vrending program; certification by landlord that requirements met; violation of housing code; termination of participation; eviction prohibited; delinquency or nonpayment of property taxes.

Sec. 57i. (1) If a landlord or provider of housing participates in the department rent vrending program, the landlord shall certify that the dwelling unit being provided meets all of the following requirements:

(a) The dwelling unit does not have a condition that would facilitate the spread of a communicable disease. As used in this subdivision, "communicable disease" means that term as defined in section 5101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.5101.

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

(c) The dwelling unit is 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.

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

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

(4) If the department is notified that a landlord or provider of housing is delinquent on payment of property taxes or if the title of the property reverts to the state for nonpayment of property taxes, the department shall terminate that landlord's or provider of housing's participation in the rent vrending program for that property.

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