

House Study Bill 9 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BALTIMORE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the authority of cities to regulate and
2 restrict the occupancy of residential rental property.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 414.1, subsection 1, Code 2013, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. For the purpose of promoting the health, safety,
4 morals, or the general welfare of the community or for the
5 purpose of preserving historically significant areas of
6 the community, any city is hereby empowered to regulate and
7 restrict the height, number of stories, and size of buildings
8 and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be
9 occupied, the size of yards, courts, and other open spaces,
10 the density of population, the occupancy of residential rental
11 property on the basis of square footage, and the location and
12 use of buildings, structures, and land for trade, industry,
13 residence, or other purposes.

14 b. A city shall not adopt or enforce any regulation or
15 restriction related to the occupancy of residential rental
16 property that is based upon the existence of familial or
17 nonfamilial relationships between the occupants of such rental
18 property.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill relates to the authority of cities to regulate and
21 restrict the occupancy of residential rental property.

22 The bill provides that a city may regulate and restrict the
23 occupancy of residential rental property on the basis of square
24 footage. The bill also provides that a city shall not adopt or
25 enforce any regulation or restriction related to the occupancy
26 of residential rental property based upon the familial or
27 nonfamilial relationships of occupants.