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April 30, 2021

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 252, an Act relating to the authority of counties and cities to regulate rental housing, and including effective date provisions.

The above Senate File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



Senate File 252

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF COUNTIES AND CITIES TO REGULATE  
RENTAL HOUSING, AND INCLUDING EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 331.304, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

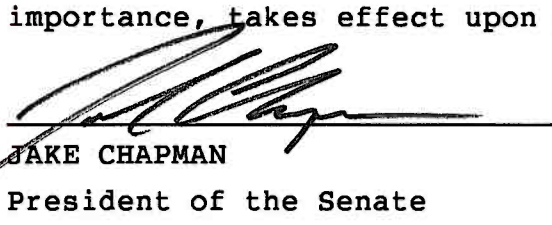
NEW SUBSECTION. 13. A county shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that prohibits an owner, lessor, sublessor, managing agent, or other person having the right to lease, sublease, or rent out a dwelling unit from refusing to lease or rent out the dwelling unit to a person because of the person's use of a federal housing choice voucher issued by the United States department of housing and urban development. Such an ordinance or regulation in effect on January 1, 2021, is void and unenforceable on and after January 1, 2023. For purposes of this subsection, "*dwelling unit*" means the same as defined in section 562A.6.

Sec. 2. Section 364.3, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

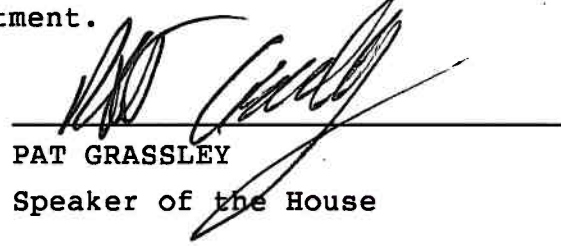
NEW SUBSECTION. 13. A city shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that prohibits an owner, lessor, sublessor, managing agent, or other person having the right to lease, sublease, or rent out a dwelling unit from refusing to lease or rent out the dwelling unit to a person because of the person's use of a federal housing choice voucher issued by the United States department of housing and urban development.

Such an ordinance or regulation in effect on January 1, 2021, is void and unenforceable on and after January 1, 2023. For purposes of this subsection, "dwelling unit" means the same as defined in section 562A.6.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.


  
JAKE CHAPMAN

President of the Senate

  
PAT GRASSLEY

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 252, Eighty-ninth General Assembly.

  
W. CHARLES SMITHSON

Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

  
KIM REYNOLDS

Governor