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House File 141

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the power of municipalities to provide a rent supplement for certain families.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

This is a Companion Bill; for complete text see Senate File 90.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 141

Any city engaged in urban renewal activities involving federal funds must relocate any families forced to move from the project area in standard housing. Also, both under urban renewal law and in connection with certain types of FHA financing, a city must have what is known as a "workable program" certified as adequate by federal authorities.

Many times a low-income family does not have the financial means to pay the required rent for standard housing and must therefore receive a cash rent supplement furnished by the city.

In the absence of public housing, federal authorities are now requiring that financial assistance be made available to any low-income family forced to relocate through any governmental activities, including not only urban renewal but also freeway construction, housing code enforcement, and such other programs before a "workable program" will be certified as adequate.

In the past, cities in Iowa engaged in urban renewal activities have appropriated money and used the same for rent supplementation for low-income families forced to move from an urban renewal area. The authority for such, although not specifically spelled out, has been the general provisions in the Iowa Urban Renewal Law granting cities the power to do any or all things necessary to receive federal funds. The authority or right of a city to use public funds to help any low-income family displaced by any governmental activity would be carrying implied authority to do so one step further.

It is the purpose of this bill to grant specific powers to municipalities to proceed with a rent supplementation program so that any question on the legality of such expenditures can be resolved.