

**House File 184 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 9)

**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, the  
10 density of population, and the location and use of buildings,  
11 structures, and land for trade, industry, residence, or other  
12 purposes.

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

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 The bill provides that a city shall not adopt or enforce  
22 any regulation or restriction related to the occupancy  
23 of residential rental property based upon the familial or  
24 nonfamilial relationships of occupants.