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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act making an appropriation to the Iowa finance authority  
2 for the Iowa eviction and foreclosure prevention program,  
3 extending the temporary halt on residential evictions, and  
4 including effective date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. IOWA EVICTION AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION  
2 PROGRAM.

3 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
4 to the Iowa finance authority for the fiscal year beginning  
5 July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, the following amount,  
6 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
7 designated:

8 For the Iowa eviction and foreclosure prevention program:  
9 ..... \$ 50,000,000

10 The Iowa eviction and foreclosure prevention program shall  
11 be extended through June 30, 2022.

12 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
13 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
14 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
15 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
16 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

17 Sec. 2. TEMPORARY HALT ON RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS. The  
18 temporary halt in residential evictions to prevent the further  
19 spread of COVID-19 as ordered by the centers for disease  
20 control of the United States department of health and human  
21 services on September 4, 2020, and as extended until January  
22 31, 2021, by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L.  
23 No. 116-260, §502, shall continue to be applied to residential  
24 evictions in this state through January 31, 2022.

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

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending  
31 June 30, 2021, this bill appropriates \$50 million from the  
32 general fund of the state to the Iowa finance authority for the  
33 Iowa eviction and foreclosure prevention program (program),  
34 and extends the program through June 30, 2022. The moneys  
35 appropriated that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the

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1 close of the fiscal year do not revert and remain available for  
2 expenditure for the program until June 30, 2022.

3 The bill also requires that the temporary halt in  
4 residential evictions as ordered by the centers for disease  
5 control of the United States department of health and human  
6 services on September 4, 2020, and as extended until January  
7 31, 2021, by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021,  
8 continues to be applied to residential evictions in this state  
9 through January 31, 2022.

10 The bill is effective upon enactment.