

CHAPTER 49

REGULATION OF RENTAL HOUSING BY CITIES OR COUNTIES

S.F. 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.

Approved April 30, 2021