

House File 161 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 25)

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 2015, 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, after January 1, 2016, adopt or enforce
14 any regulation or restriction related to the occupancy of
15 residential rental property that is based upon the existence
16 of familial or nonfamilial relationships between the occupants
17 of such rental property.

18 EXPLANATION

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

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

23 The bill provides that a city shall not, after January 1,
24 2016, adopt or enforce any regulation or restriction related
25 to the occupancy of residential rental property based upon the
26 familial or nonfamilial relationships of occupants.