



## **Support SB 2271 (Guzzardi-Riley) (Passed Senate 57-0 on 4/14/16) Renew the Comprehensive Housing Planning Act (310 ILCS 110)**

The Comprehensive Housing Planning Act requires the State of Illinois to produce an annual statewide housing plan with specific components, including coordination of state spending to better address affordable housing goals. It also created a Housing Task Force to develop and approve the plan. The Executive Director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) serves as its Chair, and IHDA serves as staff to the Housing Task Force.

The Act **identifies priority populations** and requires the annual statewide housing plan to **prioritize resources** for their benefit:

- Low-income households (with particular emphasis on households earning below 30 percent of area median income)<sup>1</sup>;
- Low-income seniors;
- Low-income persons with disabilities;
- Homeless persons and persons at-risk of homelessness;
- Low- and moderate- income persons unable to afford housing near work or transportation;
- Low-income persons residing in existing affordable housing that is in danger of being lost or becoming unaffordable.

The Act went into effect in 2006 and expires on June 30, 2016. This bill proposes **extending to December 31, 2026**, and makes some needed amendments to the original law.

### **Why** do we need an Affordable Housing Plan?

- Prioritize resources of the State of Illinois for people with the most significant housing needs.
- Encourage transparency and coordination between the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) and other State agencies.<sup>2</sup>
- Provide framework for addressing unique challenges as they arise, such as revitalizing communities in the wake of the foreclosure crisis and reforming the long-term care system to provide more community-based housing options via permanent supportive housing.

### **What** does the amendment do?

- Minor revisions are being made to ease the administrative burden while maintaining a structure for public participation and input through the Housing Task Force.
- Adds Departments of Corrections, Emergency Management, and Juvenile Justice as members of the Housing Task Force.<sup>2</sup>
- Identifies specific populations to be considered by the Housing Task Force, such as communities in need of revitalization, people with criminal records, and veterans.

This bill was drafted with input from the Task Force, staff, and the following organizations:

**BPI • Chicago Rehab Network • Housing Action – Illinois • Illinois Housing Council • Metropolitan Planning Council**

<sup>1</sup> The current 30% income limit for a single person household in Madison County is \$14,790; in Decatur is \$12,330; in Cook County is \$16,170.

<sup>2</sup> Current Task Force members are DHS, DoA, DCEO, HFS, DHR, DNR, DPH, DVA, EPA, Gov., OMB, and IHDA.

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