ACT 135

H. B. NO. 348

A Bill for an Act Relating to State Rent Supplements.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 359-123, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

"Sec. 359-123. Qualified tenant defined. As used in this part, the term 'qualified tenant' means (1) any single person who has attained the age of 62 or who is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment, and (2) any family; provided such single person or family has, pursuant to criteria and procedures established by the Hawaii housing authority, been determined to have an income which would qualify the tenant for occupancy in housing provided by section 221(d)(3) of the National Housing Act or to have a lesser income. The terms 'qualified tenant' and 'tenant' include a member of a cooperative who satisfies the foregoing requirements and who, upon resale of his membership

to the cooperative, will not be reimbursed for more than fifty per cent of any equity increment accumulated through payments under this part. With respect to members of a cooperative, the terms 'rental' and 'rental charges' mean the charges under the occupancy agreements between such members and the cooperative.

SECTION 2. Subsection 359-125(a) Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

- "(a) For purposes of carrying out this part, the Hawaii Housing authority shall establish criteria and procedures for determining the eligibility of occupants and rental charges, including criteria and procedures with respect to periodic review of tenant incomes and periodic adjustment of rental charges. The authority shall issue, upon the request of a housing owner, certificates as to the following facts concerning the single persons and families applying for admission to, or residing in, dwellings of such owner:
 - (1) The income of the single person or family; and
 - (2) Whether the single person or family was displaced from public housing administered under chapter 356 for exceeding the maximum allowable income for continued occupancy."

SECTION 3. Chapter 359, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated and to read:

"Sec. 359-127. Rules and regulations. The Hawaii housing authority may adopt and promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this part, including rules and regulations relating to determining preference among applicants for State rent supplements.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

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SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved May 30, 1972.)

^{*}Edited accordingly.