

HOUSE BILL No. 1444

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-20-9.

Synopsis: Vacant and abandoned residential housing loans. Requires the Indiana housing and community development authority to establish a lending program for the purchase and renovation of vacant and abandoned residential housing in Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-20-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2013]:
- 4 **Chapter 9. Vacant and Abandoned Residential Housing Loan**
- 5 **Program**
- 6 **Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**
- 7 **(1) The definitions set forth in IC 5-20-1-2.**
- 8 **(2) "Lending program" refers to the lending program**
- 9 **described in section 2 of this chapter.**
- 10 **(3) "Vacant and abandoned residential housing" means**
- 11 **residential housing:**
- 12 **(A) that is unoccupied by a person having a present**
- 13 **interest, including a tenancy, in the residential housing;**
- 14 **and**
- 15 **(B) with respect to which no person having a present or**
- 16 **future interest in the residential property has exercised any**
- 17 **right, duty, or claim for one (1) year or more, in**



- 1 accordance with criteria set forth in rules adopted by the
2 authority under section 7 of this chapter.
- 3 **Sec. 2. The authority shall establish a lending program for the**
4 **purchase and renovation of vacant and abandoned residential**
5 **housing in Indiana.**
- 6 **Sec. 3. (a) The authority shall provide for the following types of**
7 **loans in the lending program:**
- 8 (1) Purchase money loans.
9 (2) Renovation loans.
- 10 (b) A person or entity may apply for a purchase money loan
11 under this chapter, a renovation loan under this chapter, or both.
- 12 **Sec. 4. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a person or entity who has**
13 **acquired, or is in the process of acquiring, vacant and abandoned**
14 **residential property may submit an application for a renovation**
15 **loan under this chapter.**
- 16 (b) A person or entity who has acquired vacant and abandoned
17 housing is ineligible for a renovation loan under this chapter after
18 the second anniversary of the date the person or entity acquired
19 the vacant and abandoned housing.
- 20 (c) A renovation loan under this chapter may be secured or
21 unsecured.
- 22 (d) The principal amount of a renovation loan under this
23 chapter may not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).
- 24 **Sec. 5. The authority may facilitate the lending program by any**
25 **combination of the following:**
- 26 (1) Making loans directly to applicants.
27 (2) Funding loans originated by mortgage brokers or
28 mortgage lenders.
29 (3) Providing loan guarantees for loans funded by mortgage
30 lenders.
31 (4) Any other method not described in subdivisions (1)
32 through (3) that is reasonably calculated to contribute to a
33 reduction in the stock of vacant and abandoned housing in
34 Indiana.
- 35 **Sec. 6. The authority shall promote the lending program in at**
36 **least the following ways:**
- 37 (1) On the authority's Internet web site.
38 (2) Through direct communication with mortgage brokers
39 and mortgage lenders.
- 40 **Sec. 7. (a) The authority shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
41 **implement this chapter, which may include emergency rules**
42 **adopted in the manner provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1.**

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1 **(b) Rules adopted under subsection (a) must include criteria by**
2 **which the authority ascertains whether residential housing is**
3 **vacant and abandoned under this chapter.**

4 **(c) Rules adopted under subsection (a) may include standards**
5 **of creditworthiness that applicants for loans under this chapter**
6 **must meet.**

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