



MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Housing Commissioner*

Date: June 13, 2014

Subject: **City Council Bill 14-0317 – Housing – Source of Income Discrimination**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0317, for the purpose of requiring that housing projects subject to affordable housing requirements make their dwellings available to individuals without distinction based on source of income; prohibiting certain predatory representations based on the source of income of housing occupants; defining certain terms; and generally relating to source of income discrimination.

If this City Council bill is approved, any residential project that meets the affordable housing requirements or receives cost offsets for affordable housing could not refuse to sell or rent, refuse to negotiate for the sale or rent, or otherwise make unavailable or deny a dwelling to any person because of his or her source of income. The incomes sources that could be used for the rental or purchase of housing includes money from the following: (1) any lawful profession or occupation; (2) any government or private assistance, grant, loan, or rental assistance program, (3) any gift, inheritance, pension, annuity, alimony, child support, or other consideration; and (4) any sale of property.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0317 to remove any barriers for affordable housing to those in need.

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CC: Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

