

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 741

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AND TAYLOR

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 3-I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 40:600.161, relative to housing for victims of human trafficking; to provide
4 for definitions; to provide for preference for housing vouchers; to provide for
5 verification; to provide for privacy for certain addresses; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 3-I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
9 comprised of R.S. 40:600.161, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 3-I. HOUSING FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

11 §600.161. Housing vouchers; human trafficking survivors

12 A. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms have the following
13 meanings:

14 (1) "Local housing authority" means any parish or municipal housing
15 authority.

16 (2) "Voucher" means a voucher meant to assist with obtaining housing for
17 individuals who meet certain requirements which includes but are not limited to a
18 voucher given pursuant to United States Department of Housing and Urban
19 Development's Section 8 Housing.

20 B. Local housing authorities shall give preference for vouchers to human
21 trafficking survivors.

22 C. A local housing authority shall verify that the person applying for the
23 vouchers complies with all of the following:

1 (1) Meets all standards and requirements outlined in the respective voucher
2 program.

3 (2) Is a human trafficking survivor as indicated in a law enforcement report
4 or protective order, or as verified by a healthcare professional, a government agency,
5 a district attorney or assistant district attorney, or a qualified third party as defined
6 by R.S. 9:3261.1(B)(6).

7 D. A local housing authority shall not disclose the address associated with
8 any voucher given pursuant to this Section without the informed consent of the
9 person about whom information is sought, or as directed by a court order. Consent
10 for release may not be given by the abuser or alleged abuser of any minor or
11 incapacitated person, or the abuser or alleged abuser of the other parent of the minor.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____