

Healthy Housing Georgia

HB 346 Supports Healthy Housing

“The connection between the health and the dwelling of the population is one of the most important that exists.” Florence Nightingale

Exposure to mold, lead, radon, rodents and other conditions in substandard and deficient rental housing undermines the health of children, seniors, and families. Georgia lags the rest of the country and our neighboring states in providing protections essential to maintain healthy housing.

HB 346 prohibits retaliation against tenants who complain of these unsafe and unhealthy housing conditions to Code Enforcement. Non-retaliation statutes are the law in 41 other states including Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Virginia, etc.

The Georgia Department of Public Health Healthy Homes Coalition Strategic Plan defined a central goal to establish “Effective policies and strong enforcement:

- 1. Educate and motivate the legislature to pass strong laws.*
- 2. Identify and draft needed legislative authorities for healthy homes.”*

Healthy Housing Georgia is a broad coalition of organizations and individuals from across the state advocating for public policies, programs and resources to meet the needs of Georgians for healthy housing. Current members include:

Georgia Municipal Association ■ Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
Georgia Appleseed Center for Law & Justice ■ Enterprise Community Partners
Voices for Georgia’s Children ■ United Way of Greater Atlanta
American Academy of Pediatrics, Georgia Chapter
Georgia Watch ■ Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) ■ CareSource
Georgians for a Healthy Future ■ Mental Health America of Georgia
Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation ■ Big Bethel AME ■ Georgia Stand Up
Georgia ACT ■ Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta
Presbyterians for a Better Georgia ■ Housing Justice League
American Friends Service Committee ■ Los Vecinos de Buford Highway
Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students ■ and others

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