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An act to add Section 50710.3 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 50710.3 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:
50710.3. (a) (1) A migratory agricultural worker eligible for housing pursuant to this chapter shall have resided outside a 50-mile radius of the migrant farm labor center for at least three months out of the preceding six-month period.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies only to the migratory agricultural worker, and does not apply to immediate family members of the migratory agricultural worker. Immediate family members of a migratory agricultural worker may reside within a 50-mile radius of the migrant farm labor center on a year-round basis.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the department may approve a proposal submitted by an entity operating a migrant farm labor center that meets all of the following requirements:

(A) The proposal provides for up to 75 percent of the number of units at the migrant farm labor center to be exempt from the requirement to reside outside a 50-mile radius of the migrant farm labor center for at least three months out of the preceding six-month period and set aside for nonmigratory agricultural workers with school-age children who annually provide proof of enrollment of their children in the local school district, grades K-12.

(B) The proposal reserves a minimum of 25 percent of the number of units at the migrant farm labor center for migratory agricultural workers who require round-trip travel exceeding 100 miles per day, which results in the migratory agricultural worker being unable to return to the workers' chosen place of residence within the same day of labor.

(C) (i) The proposal was previously presented at a public meeting of the migrant farm labor center's resident council.

(ii) For purposes of this section, the term "resident council" means an entity elected from among residents of the migrant farm labor center with the responsibilities of electing from themselves a chairperson, advising the entity operating the migrant farm labor center or department on any matters pertinent to the operation of the migrant farm labor center, and representing all residents of the migrant farm labor center on matters which properly should be presented to the entity operating the migrant farm labor center and department.

(2) If the department approves a proposal pursuant to paragraph (1), the operating entity shall submit a report to the department on an annual basis, by a date determined by the department, that identifies the number of units rented to migratory and nonmigratory households at each migrant farm labor center.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: Migrant farm labor centers.

Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, through its Office of Migrant Services, to assist in the development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or operation of migrant farm labor centers, as provided. Existing law authorizes the Director of Housing and Community Development to contract with specified local public and private entities, including school districts and housing authorities, for the procurement or construction of housing or shelter and to obtain specified services for migratory agricultural workers. Under existing law, the department designates a period of 180 days each calendar year during which migrant farm labor centers are open to migratory agricultural workers and their families for occupancy, as specified.

This bill would require a migratory agricultural worker that is eligible for housing pursuant to these provisions to reside outside a 50-mile radius of the migrant farm labor center for at least 3 months out of the preceding 6 month period, as specified. The bill would additionally authorize the department to approve a proposal by an entity operating a migrant farm labor center meeting certain requirements, including that the proposal provides for up to 75% of the units at the migrant farm labor center to be exempt from the requirement to reside outside a 50-mile radius of the migrant farm labor center for at least 3 months out of the preceding 6 months and set aside for nonmigratory agricultural workers with school-age children and that the proposal reserves at least 25% of the units at the migrant farm labor center for migratory agricultural workers who require round-trip travel exceeding 100 miles per day, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

