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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 497  
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting certain residences from rental housing  
2 inspections by a city.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 364.17, Code 2001, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. A residence occupied by the owner is  
4 exempt from this section and shall not be subject to regular  
5 rental housing inspections or rental housing inspections upon  
6 receipt of a complaint. A residence occupied by the owner  
7 includes any residence, regardless of its classification for  
8 state or federal income tax purposes, in which the owner is  
9 one of the following:

- 10 a. A legal titleholder pursuant to a recorded deed.
- 11 b. A buyer under a recorded contract for deed.
- 12 c. A beneficiary of a trust where the trust or the trustee  
13 is the legal titleholder.
- 14 d. A person holding an option to buy under a written  
15 option agreement if the agreement provides that the person has  
16 an option to buy the property and the person is responsible  
17 for maintenance of the property.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that a residence occupied by the owner  
20 of the residence is not subject to rental housing inspections  
21 by a city. The bill defines "owner" as a legal titleholder, a  
22 buyer under a contract for deed, a beneficiary of a trust  
23 where the trust or its trustee holds legal title to the  
24 property, or a person who has the option to purchase the  
25 property under a written option agreement.

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