(1991 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement) (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development

Section 1-204(a) and 4-101; and 4-502, 4-503, and 4-504, to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 5. Maryland State Appalachian Housing Fund"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

## Preamble .

WHEREAS, On December 14, 1992, the State of Maryland and the federal government entered into an agreement assuring Maryland's participation in the National Rural Development Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Under the agreement, Maryland is required to maintain a State rural development council; and

WHEREAS, The council provides an opportunity for all levels of government and the business and nonprofit sectors to work together for the benefit of rural Maryland; and

WHEREAS, It is vital that Maryland maintain its commitment to the Partnership and to ensure that the council, named the Forvm for Rural Maryland, has the ability to promote its purposes; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

## TITLE 15. FORVM FOR RURAL MARYLAND

15-101.

THERE IS A FORVM FOR RURAL MARYLAND.

15-102.

THE FORVM IS A RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. THE FORVM MAY UNDERTAKE ANY ACTIVITY THAT ADDRESSES ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF THE CITIZENS OF RURAL MARYLAND AS LONG AS THE ACTIVITY IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE FORVM.

15-103.

(A) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FORVM IS OPEN TO ANY CITIZEN OF MARYLAND WHO SUBSCRIBES TO THE GOALS OF THE FORVM AND WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN RURAL MARYLAND.