

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an individual who is the surviving spouse or other immediate family member of a deceased tenant of housing assisted under a program administered by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City and who occupied the premises at the time of the tenant's death may be considered eligible to enter into a lease for continued occupancy; authorizing the Authority to initiate legal proceedings no earlier than a certain time to evict a certain occupant who does not satisfy certain conditions for continued occupancy of the premises; and generally relating to the Housing Authority of Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
 Section 9-8
 Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
 (1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 4 - Baltimore City

9-8.

(A) If a tenant under any demise for the tenant's residential use, **OTHER THAN A TENANT OF HOUSING ASSISTED UNDER A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY**, shall die, the surviving spouse, or any member of his immediate family who has occupied the premises with the deceased tenant at the time of his death shall have the right, upon payment to the landlord of the agreed rent (including any rent that may be in arrears at the time of tenant's death) to be substituted as tenant to the same extent as the original tenant.

(B) IF A TENANT OF HOUSING ASSISTED UNDER A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL DIE, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR OTHER MEMBER OF THE DECEASED TENANT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY WHO IS AN OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES AT THE TIME OF THE TENANT'S DEATH MAY BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND THE ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY OF THE HOUSING, IF THE OCCUPANT:

(1) IS LISTED AS A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER ON THE DECEASED TENANT'S CURRENT LEASING, RECERTIFICATION, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND