

CHAPTER 518.

AN ACT to add a new Article to the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to be known as Article 44B, "Housing Co-operation and Aid", authorizing cities, towns, counties, and other public bodies to aid housing projects of housing authorities or of the United States of America by furnishing parks, playgrounds, streets, and other improvements and facilities, by exercising certain other powers and by making agreements relating to such aid; authorizing cities, towns, counties and other political subdivisions to contract with respect to the sums to be paid them for improvements, services and facilities to be provided for the benefit of housing projects and the occupants thereof; requiring certain incorporated cities and towns to make an appropriation for the first year's administrative expenses of housing authorities; and authorizing certain cities, towns and counties to pay moneys to housing authorities.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Article be and the same is hereby added to the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, to be known as Article 44B, "Housing Co-operation and Aid", to read as follows:

1. This Article may be referred to as the "Housing Co-operation Law".

2. It has been found and declared in the Housing Authorities Law that there exist in the State unsafe and insanitary housing conditions and a shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income; that these conditions necessitate excessive and disproportionate expenditures of public funds for crime prevention and punishment, public health and safety, fire and accident protection, and other public services and facilities; and that the public interest requires the remedying of these conditions.

It is hereby declared, That the assistance herein provided for the remedying of the conditions set forth in the Housing Authorities Law constitutes a public use and purpose and an essential governmental function for which public moneys may be spent, and that the provisions hereinafter enacted are necessary in the public interest.

3. The following terms, whenever used or referred to in this Article, shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(a) "Housing Authority" shall mean any housing authority created pursuant to the Housing Authorities Law of this State.