

dations consisting of the number of rooms (but no greater number) which it deems necessary to provide safe and sanitary accommodations to the proposed occupants thereof, without overcrowding. (d) It shall not accept any person as a tenant in any housing project if the person or persons who would occupy the dwelling accommodations have an aggregate annual income in excess of five times the annual rental of the quarters to be furnished such person or persons, except that in the case of families with three or more minor dependents, such ratio shall not exceed six to one; in computing the rental for this purpose of selecting tenants, there shall be included in the rental the average annual cost (as determined by the Authority) to the occupants, of heat, water, electricity, gas, cooking range and other necessary services or facilities, whether or not the charge for such services and facilities is in fact included in the rental. (e) It shall prohibit sub-letting by tenants.

Nothing contained in this or the preceding section shall be construed as limiting the power of an Authority to vest in an obligee the right, in the event of a default by the Authority, to take possession of a housing project or cause the appointment of a receiver thereof or acquire title thereto, through foreclosure proceedings or otherwise, free from all the restrictions imposed by this or the preceding section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 2, 1941.

CHAPTER 562.

(Senate Bill 457)

AN ACT to add seven new sections to Article 44A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Flack's Edition 1939, title "Housing Authorities", to be known as Sections 24 to 30 inclusive, under the sub-title "Defense Housing by Housing Authorities", and to follow immediately after Section 23 of said Article, to authorize Housing Authorities established pursuant to Article 44A of the Code of Public General Laws to undertake the development or administration of projects to assure the availability of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons engaged in national-defense activities; to limit the ini-