

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 read as follows:

24. Any Housing Authority may undertake the development and administration of projects to assure the availability of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons engaged in national-defense activities whom the Housing Authority determines would not otherwise be able to secure safe and sanitary dwellings, but no Housing Authority shall initiate the development of any such project pursuant to this Act after December 31, 1943.

In the ownership, development or administration of such projects, a Housing Authority shall have all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities that such Authority has under any provision of law relating to the ownership, development or administration of slum clearance and housing projects for persons of low income, in the same manner as though all the provisions of law applicable to slum clearance and housing projects for persons of low income were applicable to projects developed or administered to assure the availability of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons engaged in national-defense activities as provided in this sub-title, and housing projects developed or administered hereunder shall constitute "housing projects" under the sections of this Article other than this sub-title, as that term is used therein; provided, that during that period (herein called the "National-Defense Period") that a Housing Authority finds (which finding shall be conclusive in any suit, action or proceeding) that within its area of operation (as defined in said Article), or any part thereof, there is an acute shortage of safe and sanitary dwellings which impedes the national-defense program in this State and that the necessary safe and sanitary dwellings would not otherwise be provided when needed for persons engaged in national-defense activities, any project developed or administered by such Housing Authority (or by any Housing Authority cooperating with it in such area pursuant to this sub-title, with the financial aid of the Federal Government (or as agent for the Federal Government as hereinafter provided) shall not be subject to the limitations provided in Section 10 and the second sentence of Section 9 of this Article; or any other limitation relating to the amount of rentals or eligibility of tenants other than as provided under this sub-title; and provided further, that, during the National-Defense Period, a Housing Authority may make payments in such