

cooperating with or acting as agent of the Federal Government in) the development or administration of any project to assure the availability of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons engaged in national-defense activities, are hereby validated and declared legal in all respects, notwithstanding any defect or irregularity therein or any want of statutory authority.

29. This Article shall constitute an independent authorization for a Housing Authority to undertake the development or administration of projects to assure the availability of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons engaged in national-defense activities as provided in this Article and for a Housing Authority to cooperate with, or act as agent for, the Federal Government in the development or administration of similar projects by the Federal Government. In acting under this authorization, a Housing Authority shall not be subject to any limitations, restrictions or requirements of other laws (except those relating to land acquisition) prescribing the procedure or action to be taken in the development or administration of any public works, including sum clearance and housing projects for persons of low income or undertakings or projects of municipal or public corporations or political subdivisions or agencies of the State. A Housing Authority may do any and all things necessary or desirable to cooperate with, or act as agent for, the Federal Government, or to secure financial aid, in the expeditious development or in the administration of projects to assure the availability of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons engaged in national-defense activities and to effectuate the purposes of this Article.

30. (a) "Persons engaged in national-defense activities", as used in this Article, shall include: persons in the military and naval services of the United States and employees of the War and Navy Departments or other departments of the Federal Government; and workers engaged or to be engaged in industries or activities connected with or essential to the national-defense program; and shall include the families and dependents of the aforesaid persons who are living with them.

(b) "Development" as used in this Article, shall mean any and all undertakings necessary for the planning, land acquisition, demolition, financing, construction or equipment in connection with a project (including the negotiation or award of contracts therefor), and shall include the acquisition of any project (in whole or in part) from the Federal Government.