

CHAPTER 688

(Senate Bill 412)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 5 and 7 of Article 44C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Housing Rent Control", and to add a new section to said Article, to be known as Section 5A and to follow immediately after Section 5, extending the provisions of said Article to June 1, 1951, including Washington County in the provisions of said Article, and limiting the scope of local regulation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 44C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Housing Rent Control", to be known as Section 5A and to follow immediately after Section 5 of said Article, and that Sections 4, 5 and 7 of said Article be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

4. The Mayor and City Council of any city or the County Commissioners of any county may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that the federal rules and regulations fixing rents, controls and other conditions applicable to housing accommodations, including practices relating to changes in form or quality, within its jurisdiction shall be continued until such time as the Mayor and City Council or County Commissioners may be able to provide its own regulations and controls. In the event that Congress enacts legislation authorizing the states or their political sub-divisions to provide for additional rent control regulations, then the Mayor and City Council or County Commissioners shall have the power to provide by ordinance or resolution any additional regulations for rent control within their respective jurisdictions, subject to the limitations hereinafter set forth.

5. The provisions of this Article shall continue in effect only until June 1, 1951, and any ordinance or resolution adopted under this Article shall cease to have any effect and shall thereupon become null and void.

5A. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Article, no ordinance or resolution authorized herein shall apply to any housing accommodations which are not subject to federal rent control at the time any federal rent control law expires or is otherwise terminated; nor shall