

~~Sec. 2.~~ SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 3, 1961.

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CHAPTER 754

(House Bill 348)

AN ACT, to add Sections 26A-1 to 26A-33, inclusive, to the Baltimore County Code (1958 Edition), title "Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Commission" to create a Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Commission in Baltimore County, Maryland and to authorize and empower said Commission to carry out urban renewal projects involving the clearance and redevelopment and rehabilitation of slum areas or blighted areas; to acquire property for such purposes with power of eminent domain; to declare such activities to constitute governmental functions in furtherance of which Baltimore County, Maryland, may exercise the power of taxation, expend public funds and extend public credit; to grant to said Commission, certain additional powers and authority necessary or proper to carry into full force and effect the powers hereinabove mentioned; and to place certain restrictions and limitations on the powers granted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 26A-1 to 26A-33, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to the Baltimore County Code (1958 Edition), said new sections to read as follows:

26A-1. *The following terms wherever used or referred to in this Act, shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context:*

(a) *"Federal Government" shall include the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States of America.*

(b) *"Slum Area" shall mean any area where dwellings predominate which, by reason of depreciation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to the public safety, health or morals.*

(c) *"Blighted Area" shall mean an area in which a majority of buildings have declined in productivity by reason of obsolescence, depreciation or other causes to an extent they no longer justify fundamental repairs and adequate maintenance.*

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**EXPLANATION:** *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.