

CHAPTER 842

(House Bill 753)

AN ACT to add a new Article to the Charter of the City of Salisbury, the same being Sections 281-455 of the Wicomico County Code 1959 (Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), said new Article to be known as Article XII-A, titled "Redevelopment-Urban Renewal" and to follow immediately after Article XII; to authorize and empower the Mayor and Council of Salisbury to carry out urban renewal projects involving the clearance and redevelopment and rehabilitation of slum areas or blighted areas, including the acquisition of property for such purposes with certain provisions in regard to such acquisition by the exercise of the power of eminent domain; declaring such activities to constitute governmental functions in furtherance of which the Mayor and Council of Salisbury may exercise the power of taxation, expend public funds and extend public credit; granting to the Mayor and Council of Salisbury certain additional powers and authority necessary or proper to carry into full force and effect the powers hereinabove mentioned and placing certain restrictions and limitations on certain powers granted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Article is hereby added to the Charter of the City of Salisbury, the same being Sections 281-455 of the Wicomico County Code 1959 (Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), said new Article to be known as Article XII-A, titled "Redevelopment Urban Renewal" and to follow immediately after Article XII; to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII-A Redevelopment—Urban Renewal

Section 422-A. Definitions.

The following terms wherever used or referred to in this Article 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 ~~o rany~~ 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 their ~~age and normal wear and tear~~, 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 their ~~age and normal wear and tear~~, obsolescence, depreciation or other causes to an extent they no longer justify fundamental repairs and adequate maintenance.

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.