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(A) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IS EMPOWERED, AFTER CONCURRENCE WITH THE LOCAL JURISDICTION, TO REQUIRE DEVELOPERS OF INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL OR APARTMENT AREAS, ADJOINING ROADS MAINTAINED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, TO CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS PARALLEL TO THE ROADS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIED CONDITIONS IN ENTRANCE PERMITS. SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR LOCAL STANDARDS AS APPROPRIATE.

(B) SIDEWALKS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES THAT:

(1) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SIDEWALKS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO PUBLIC SAFETY;

(2) THE COST OF ESTABLISHING THE SIDEWALKS WOULD BE EXCESSIVELY DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE NEED OR THE PROBABLE USE THEREOF; OR

(3) THE SPARSITY OF POPULATION, THE EXISTENCE OF OTHER AVAILABLE WAYS OR OTHER FACTORS DEMONSTRATE AN ABSENCE OF ANY NEED FOR THE SIDEWALKS.

(C) WHEN SIDEWALKS ARE CONSTRUCTED, THEY SHALL THEREAFTER BE MAINTAINED AND REPAIRED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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CHAPTER 590

(House Bill 985)

AN ACT to add new Section 200A to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Food Products," to follow immediately after Section 200 thereof, to exempt certain small residential group homes for juveniles from certain institutional health regulations; to generally relate to juvenile group homes and the health regulations; and to re-letter and re-number as appropriate.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to re-affirm its concern for the well-being of the youth of Maryland. For various reasons, on occasion some of these youth have been unable to remain at home for a period of time, and have had to be placed in group homes and elsewhere. While some facilities are operated by the State and local governments, from time to time existing facilities become over-crowded, and children need emergency shelter care. It is desirable to provide maximum encouragement to private organizations willing to fill the need of children for small group residences having a home-like, rather than an