

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments

Section 257L

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments

Section 257K(a) and (d)

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 257L be and it is hereby added to Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

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257L.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES,

(1) THAT MANY RESIDENTS OF MARYLAND ARE LIVING IN DWELLING UNITS WHICH DO NOT CONFORM TO BUILDING, HEALTH, SAFETY, FIRE, OCCUPANCY OR OTHER CODES AND STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO HOUSING, AND THAT THIS CONDITION IMPEDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY, SAFE, AND VIABLE COMMUNITIES IN MARYLAND;

(2) THAT OWNER-OCCUPANTS OF HOUSING IN NEED OF REHABILITATION ARE FREQUENTLY OF LOW INCOME, THAT NONOCCUPANT OWNERS OF SUCH HOUSING FREQUENTLY INCUR HIGH RISKS IN ITS OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT, AND THAT FINANCING BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS THEREFORE FREQUENTLY NOT AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPLISH NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE REHABILITATION;

(3) THAT THE REHABILITATION OF SUITABLE HOUSING WILL INCREASE ITS ECONOMIC LIFE, IS OFTEN MORE ECONOMICAL AND LESS DISRUPTIVE THAN REPLACEMENT OF THE HOUSING AND THE RELOCATION OF ITS OCCUPANTS, CAN BETTER PROMOTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WHEN CONDUCTED THROUGH ORGANIZED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, IS ESSENTIAL TO PROMOTE SOUND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE, AND CAN BE FACILITATED BY THE REHABILITATION OF COMMERCIAL