

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 8B be and it is hereby added to Article 44A - Housing Authorities, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 44A - Housing Authorities

8B. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY.

(A) IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DECLARED THAT THERE EXISTS WITHIN BALTIMORE CITY A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF DECENT, SAFE AND SANITARY DWELLING ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE EITHER TO RENT OR PURCHASE WHICH PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME CAN AFFORD AND THAT, AS A RESULT, SUCH PERSONS ARE FORCED TO OCCUPY OVERCROWDED AND CONGESTED DWELLING ACCOMMODATIONS, OR ARE REQUIRED TO PAY AN INORDINATE SHARE OF THEIR INCOME FOR SHELTER; THAT THE AFORESAID CONDITIONS NECESSITATE EXCESSIVE AND DISPROPORTIONATE EXPENDITURES OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, FIRE AND ACCIDENT PROTECTION, AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES; THAT THE SHORTAGE OF DECENT, SAFE AND SANITARY DWELLINGS CANNOT WHOLLY BE RELIEVED THROUGH THE OPERATION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE; AND THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME, AND/OR THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO ASSIST IN SECURING THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH HOUSING ARE, THEREFORE, NOT COMPETITIVE WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE; AND THAT THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH CONSTRUCTION AND THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREINAFTER ENACTED, ARE HEREBY DECLARED AS A MATTER OF LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATION TO BE VALID PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(B) THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY, IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS ENUMERATED IN THIS ARTICLE, SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE ALL OR ANY PART OR COMBINATION OF SUCH POWERS TO PROVIDE FOR HOUSING OR HOUSING PROJECTS FOR PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME.

(C) IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS ENUMERATED IN THIS ARTICLE AND ANY POWERS GIVEN BY LOCAL LAW, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY, IN PROVIDING HOUSING FOR PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) ABOVE, SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

(1) WITHIN ITS AREA OF OPERATION: TO MAKE MORTGAGE LOANS AND MAKE RENT SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME.