

HOWARD COUNTY

Council Bill No. 19

AN ACT to add to the Howard County Code, 1972 a new Section 26.107, title "Rent Relief in lieu of tax credits," to Title 20, "Taxation and Public Credit," to establish pursuant to authority granted under HB 380 of 1974 Legislative Session of the House of Delegates, a system of rent relief in lieu of tax credits in the form of grants for certain tenants in Howard County on the basis of income and age or disability; to specify the nature and amount of such grants; to set forth eligibility requirements for such grants; to prescribe the procedure for application for an administration of such grants; to define words and phrases for the purposes of this Section; and to provide penalties for the filing of false or fraudulent claims, reports or statements hereunder.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND that a new Section 26.107, Title "Rent Relief in lieu of tax credits," be and is hereby added to Title 20, "Taxation and Public Credit," to read as follows:

Section 26.107 RENT RELIEF IN LIEU OF TAX CREDITS

PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER HB 380 OF 1974 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A SYSTEM OF RENT RELIEF IN LIEU OF TAX CREDITS IN THE FORM OF GRANTS FOR CERTAIN TENANTS IN HOWARD COUNTY ON THE BASIS OF INCOME, AGE OR DISABILITY AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH.

A. DEFINITIONS

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS RESPECTIVELY ASCRIBED TO THEM:

(1) "AFFIDAVIT" SHALL MEAN THE AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CLAIMANT WITH THE APPLICATION FOR RENT RELIEF IN LIEU OF TAX APPLICATION FOR RENT RELIEF IN LIEU OF TAX CREDITS;

(2) "APPLICATION" SHALL MEAN THE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR RENT RELIEF IN LIEU OF TAX CREDITS SUBMITTED BY A CLAIMANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(3) "CLAIMANT" SHALL MEAN EVERY PERSON WHO ACTUALLY RESIDES IN AND OCCUPIES A RENTAL DWELLING UNIT IN HOWARD COUNTY MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS