

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

Bill No. 29-73

AN ACT to add a new Chapter 23A to the Montgomery County Code 1972, title "Group Residential Facilities", to follow immediately after Chapter 23 thereof to establish licensing and related regulatory requirements for single-family facilities in which residential and supportive services are provided to certain classes of persons including but not limited to those with emotional, mental, familial or social differences.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, that -

Sec. 1. There is hereby added to the Montgomery County Code 1972 a new chapter to be known as Chapter 23A, title "Group Residential Facilities" to follow immediately after Chapter 23 thereof and to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

23A-1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL FINDS AND DETERMINES FROM ITS OWN INVESTIGATION, REPORTS, HEARINGS, AND FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT:

(A) THERE ARE PERSONS WHO IN THE COURSE OF PROGRAMS OF FORMAL REHABILITATION THERAPY GREATLY BENEFIT FROM A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOME ENVIRONMENT.

(B) THERE ARE PERSONS WHO ARE ABLE TO FUNCTION AS PRODUCTIVE, CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY THROUGH GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT BUT WHO BENEFIT FROM A STYLE OF LIVING IN WHICH THEY ARE HOUSED WITH PERSONS OF COMPATIBLE BACKGROUNDS AND CAPABILITIES WITHIN A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ENVIRONMENT.

(C) THERE ARE PERSONS WHO AT SOME STAGE IN LIFE DESIRE AND BENEFIT FROM LIVING IN A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT WITH INDIVIDUALS OF A COMPARABLE AGE GROUP.

(D) SUCH PERSONS ARE ABLE TO FUNCTION WITHOUT THE INTENSIVE CARE AND SERVICES NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENTS ESTABLISHED FOR THE AGED, DISABLED, OR EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED AND ARE ABLE TO BECOME ACCEPTED MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.