

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Act or their application to other persons and circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein, and if the person or circumstances to which the Act or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

Sec. 3. Effective date.

This Act shall take effect on the 76th day following the date on which it becomes law.

Approved March 22, 1974

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Chapter 41

Bill No. 44-73

AN ACT to add a new Article IV, title "Housing Opportunity Act," to Chapter 56, title "Urban Renewal and Community Development," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, to follow immediately after Article III thereof, to declare the necessity of assisting persons who lack sufficient income to afford decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations without overcrowding in obtaining such housing within Montgomery County; to authorize and empower the County to provide such assistance; to provide that public funds may be expended by the County for the purpose of constructing, acquiring or otherwise encouraging the construction of decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for sale or rent to persons of eligible income; to define persons of eligible income; to provide that the Housing Authority or any successor thereto may be designated by the county to carry out opportunity housing projects; to authorize the County to provide for the creation of public non-profit corporate body or bodies, to carry out opportunity housing projects; to define the powers and duties of the County, and any corporate body with the authority to utilize public funds in the exercise of such powers and authority, in carrying out the purposes of this Act, including acquiring property, borrowing money, issuing