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"SHELTERED HOUSING FOR ELDERLY" MEANS A FORM OF RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT CONSISTING OF INDEPENDENT LIVING ASSISTED BY CONGREGATE MEALS, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PERSONAL SERVICES, FOR PERSONS 62 YEARS OLD OR OLDER, WHO HAVE TEMPORARY OR PERIODIC DIFFICULTIES WITH ONE OR MORE ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, LIKE FEEDING, BATHING, GROOMING, DRESSING, OR TRANSFERRING.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of Article 70B - Commission on the Aging, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 70B - Commission on the Aging

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(a) The Director on Aging shall:

(1) Administer programs and activities delegated by the federal government to the State under the provisions of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, which are not otherwise committed by law to some other unit of State government;

(2) Coordinate, subject to existing law, assess, and evaluate all State and local programs and services, both public and private, insofar as they relate and are important to the well-being of the State's aged, including programs and services in the areas of income maintenance, public health, mental health, housing and urban development, employment, education, recreation, and rehabilitation of the physically and mentally handicapped;

(3) Review and formulate policy recommendations to the Governor on publicly funded plans and programs which have an impact on the aged;

(4) Consult with and advise the secretaries of the principal departments of State government with respect to the programs and services for the aged, for which they are primarily responsible;

(5) Develop a statewide plan incorporating local plans for a comprehensive and coordinated system of health, social, and community services for the aged, including housing, institutional, and noninstitutional care.

(6) Cooperate with and receive the cooperation of State, federal and local governmental units and agencies in effectuating the purposes of this article.