

of St. Michaels in Talbot County to undertake by appropriate legislative action an urban renewal and redevelopment program; defining certain terms; specifying certain powers of St. Michaels with regard to urban renewal projects; establishing an urban renewal agency; providing for the preparation and approval of a plan for an urban renewal project; providing for the disposal of property in an urban renewal area; granting certain powers of eminent domain; encouraging certain private enterprise; providing for general obligation and revenue bonds; and establishing a short title.

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is hereby found and declared that there exists in St. Michaels, Maryland, areas or conditions which require redevelopment, renewal, or rehabilitation with the aid and assistance of federal and other government funds; that the existence of those areas contributes to the spread of crime and disease, constitutes an economic and moral liability, decreases the tax base, reduces tax revenues, increases juvenile delinquency, aggravates traffic conditions and causes numerous traffic problems; that the prevention and elimination of these conditions is a matter of public concern of the State of Maryland and St. Michaels, Talbot County. It is further found and declared that the existence of these conditions makes it necessary to acquire private property for redevelopment, renewal, and rehabilitation and such acquisition is hereby declared to be for a public purpose; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the following new Sections to be under the new subheading "Redevelopment - Urban Renewal", under the subtitle "St. Michaels", be and they are hereby added to the Public Local Laws of Talbot County, being Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition, as amended) to read as follows:

Article 21

REDEVELOPMENT - URBAN RENEWAL

1. DEFINITIONS

(A) IN THIS SUBHEADING THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "FEDERAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY, CORPORATE OR OTHERWISE, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(C) "SLUM AREA" MEANS ANY AREA WHERE DWELLINGS PREDOMINATE WHICH, BY REASON OF DEPRECIATION, OVERCROWDING, FAULTY ARRANGEMENT OR DESIGN, LACK OF VENTILATION, LIGHT, OR SANITARY FACILITIES, OR ANY