

however, that such authority OR ANY ENTITY WHICH INCLUDES UPON ITS PURPOSES THE PROVISION OF DECENT, SAFE, AND SANITARY DWELLINGS FOR PERSONS OF LOW INCOME WHETHER OR NOT CITIZENS OF THE STATE shall not transact any business or exercise [its] powers SIMILAR TO THOSE hereunder until or unless the governing body of the city by proper resolution, approved by the mayor, shall declare at any time hereafter that there is need for an authority to function in such city AND AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY OR OTHER ENTITY TO FUNCTION IN SUCH CITY.

The governing body may adopt a resolution declaring that there is need for a housing authority in the city if it shall find (a) that insanitary or unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in such city or (b) that there is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in such city available to persons of low income at rentals they can afford. In determining whether dwelling accommodations are unsafe or insanitary said governing body may take into consideration the degree of overcrowding, the percentage of land coverage, the light, air, space and access available to the inhabitants of such dwelling accommodations, the size and arrangement of the rooms, the sanitary facilities, and the extent to which conditions exist in such buildings which endanger life or property by fire or other causes.

In any suit, action or proceeding involving the validity or enforcement of or relating to any contract of the authority, the authority shall be conclusively deemed to have become established and authorized to transact business and exercise its powers hereunder upon proof of the adoption of a resolution by the governing body declaring the need for the authority and the approval of the resolution by the mayor thereof. Such resolution or resolutions shall be deemed sufficient if it declares that there is such need for an authority and finds in substantially the foregoing terms (no further detail being necessary) that either or both of the above enumerated conditions exist in the city. A copy of such resolution duly certified by the clerk shall be admissible in evidence in any suit, action or proceeding.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

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(House Bill 1793)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages