

Development--under--the--direction--of--the--Secretary--in--accordance--with--the--provisions--of--this--subtitle.--The--Director--of--the--Division--of--Tourist--Development--shall--receive--such--salary--and--have--such--deputies,--assistants,--employees,--and--professional--consultants--as--provided--in--the--State--budget.

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(b)-(1)--As--used--in--this--section--the--following--terms--have--the--meanings--indicated-

(2)--"COMMISSION"--MEANS--THE--MARYLAND--HOUSING  
COMMISSION-

† (2) † (3)--"County"--includes--Baltimore--City-

† (3) --"Department"--means--the--Department--of--Economic--and--Community--Development,--and--"Secretary"--means--the--Secretary--of--the--Department--of--Economic--and--Community--Development. †

(4)--"Families--of--limited--income"--means--persons--and--families--(including--those--defined--as--"elderly"--in--federal--housing--legislation)--whose--incomes--do--not--exceed--limits--established--by--the--Secretary--COMMISSION,--taking--into--consideration--factors--including--(i)--the--amount--of--the--total--income--of--the--family--available--for--housing--needs,--(ii)--the--size--of--the--family,--(iii)--the--cost--and--condition--of--available--housing--facilities,--(iv)--the--ability--of--the--family--to--compete--successfully--in--the--private--housing--market,--and--(v)--standards--and--definitions--established--for--pertinent--federal--and--Maryland--housing--programs. The--Secretary--COMMISSION--may--waive--income--limits--as--to--borrowers--or--occupants,--for--loans--to--rehabilitate--buildings--of--historic--or--architectural--significance--as--defined--by--the--State--historical--preservation--officer.

(5)--"Rehabilitation"-----means-----the-----repair,--reconstruction,--renovation,--redevelopment,--or--improvement--of--an--existing--building--to--restore--it--to--a--decent,--safe,--and--sanitary--condition--in--accordance--with--applicable--construction,--health,--safety,--fire,--occupancy,--and--other--codes--and--standards,--to--ensure--that--the--building--can--be--maintained--in--that--condition,--and--to--improve--the--general--utility--and--attractiveness--of--the--building. Except--as--provided--in--§--257L(d),--applicable--codes--and--standards--shall--be--those--in--force--in--the--political--subdivision--where--the--building--is--located. If--the--political--subdivision--lacks--codes--and--standards--deemed--sufficient--by--the--Secretary--COMMISSION--to--promote--the--objects--of--this--section,--the--Department--COMMISSION--may--by--regulation--prescribe--codes--and--standards--which--shall--apply--in--that--subdivision--solely--for--purposes--of--this--section. The--Secretary--COMMISSION--may--allow--exceptions--to--any--code--or--standard,--with--the--approval--of--the--local--enforcement--authority--when--necessary--to--preserve--the--historic--or--architectural--value--of--any--building--undergoing--rehabilitation--pursuant--to--this--section. "Rehabilitation"--includes--the--provision--of--utility--submetering--for--units--in--a--residential--rental--building.