

[, to] TO ensure that all areas of the State are served, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL [taking] TAKE into account (1) the number of families of limited incomes in the county, (2) the need for rehabilitation of buildings in the county, (3) the extent of the capability of the county to administer a rehabilitation program, and (4) any other criteria the Department deems relevant to ensure fair and equitable distribution of funds among the counties. In making its allocations, the Department may initially allocate on a countywide basis, and then make suballocations among participating political subdivisions within the counties. In making its allocations, the Department may allocate up to 25 percent of the total moneys available in the fund to a reserve. The Department may, from time to time, reallocate the moneys held in reserve.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Housing and Community Development**

4-901.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(g) "Program loan" means a loan under the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program or a special loan program.

4-906.

(b) (2) Except for Program loans made under a special loan program, the Regular Rehabilitation Program consists of Program loans to rehabilitate OR RECONSTRUCT residential buildings providing four or fewer dwellings.

4-911.

(a) (1) To ensure that all areas of the State are served, the Department shall allocate at least annually among the counties the money appropriated for making Program loans under the Regular Rehabilitation Program.

(2) PROGRAM LOANS UNDER THE REGULAR REHABILITATION PROGRAM MAY BE USED TO REHABILITATE OR RECONSTRUCT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS PROVIDING FOUR OR FEWER DWELLINGS.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October June 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter \_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and ~~1 month~~ 6 months and, at the end of ~~June~~ November 30,