

Secretary of Human Resources shall establish a program of crisis shelter homes; altering the length of stay permitted in a shelter; requiring shelters to conform to applicable regulations and zoning ordinances; repealing a certain bed requirement; and generally relating to crisis shelter homes for homeless women.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 126 and 127
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

126.

(a) (1) [There is a model crisis shelter home for homeless women under the Department of Human Resources] THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF CRISIS SHELTER HOMES FOR HOMELESS WOMEN.

(2) [The model shelter] AT LEAST 1 CRISIS SHELTER HOME shall be located in a major population center of this State in order to facilitate the use of the shelter by those clients living in the region surrounding the shelter.

(b) The purpose of the [model] CRISIS shelter HOMES shall be to provide shelter, meals, and counseling to clients.

(c) Clients shall have cooperative responsibility for housekeeping duties in the shelter.

(d) The shelter [home] HOMES shall be designed and staffed as follows:

(1) The shelter shall provide clients with a temporary residence of not more than [8] ~~16~~ 12 continuous weeks and necessary counseling to link clients to appropriate community services in order to stabilize the clients' living conditions;

(2) (i) The Department of Human Resources shall establish standards of care and admission policies.

(ii) The Department shall monitor the operation of the shelter [home] HOMES and ANNUALLY [twice each year] evaluate [its] THEIR effectiveness[;].

(3) The shelter [home is] HOMES ARE subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Human Resources