

BY adding to

Article 88A - Social Services Administration  
Section 138 through 143, inclusive, to be under the new  
subtitle "Certified Adult Residential Environment  
Program"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1985 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

CERTIFIED ADULT RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

138.

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

(B) "CARE PROGRAM" MEANS THE CERTIFIED ADULT RESIDENTIAL  
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM.

(C) (1) "DISABLED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN ADULT WHO REQUIRES A  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ARRANGEMENT IN ORDER TO RESIDE IN THE  
COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF A PHYSICAL, MEDICAL, OR MENTAL DISABILITY.

(2) "DISABLED INDIVIDUAL" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ADULT  
WHOSE DISABILITY IS OF SUCH A SEVERITY OR COMPLEXITY AS TO  
REQUIRE SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL INTERVENTION AS PART OF THE  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ARRANGEMENT.

(D) "SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ARRANGEMENT" MEANS A HOUSING  
ARRANGEMENT THAT PROVIDES AN INDIVIDUAL WITH ROOM, BOARD, AND  
ASSISTANCE WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING.

139.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(1) AN INCREASING NUMBER OF ADULTS IN THE STATE ARE  
UNABLE, BECAUSE OF DISABILITY, TO RESIDE IN THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT  
A SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ARRANGEMENT;

(2) MANY OF THE ADULTS ARE THEREFORE HOMELESS,  
UNNECESSARILY INSTITUTIONALIZED, OR RESIDING IN SUBSTANDARD  
HOUSING;

(3) CURRENT STATE-OPERATED PROGRAMS DO NOT ADEQUATELY  
ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM; AND

(4) IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE TO ENCOURAGE THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ADULTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO