

IMPLEMENT THE MINIMUM LIVABILITY CODE. THE SECRETARY MAY WAIVE THE MATCHING REQUIREMENT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE ADEQUATE LOCAL RESOURCES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

(2) THE MATCHING GRANTS SHALL BE ALLOCATED USING A FORMULA TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE SECRETARY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT POPULATION AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.

(3) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY CHARGE A PROPERTY OWNER AN INSPECTION FEE FOR ANY INSPECTION IN CONNECTION WITH ENFORCEMENT OF THE MINIMUM LIVABILITY CODE.

(E) (1) ANY PERSON PROPERTY OWNER WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THE HOUSING LIVABILITY CODE ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION FOR EACH VIOLATION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 FOR EACH DAY THAT THE VIOLATION EXISTS OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 MONTHS, OR BOTH.

(2) ANY PENALTY ORDERED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS IN ADDITION TO AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY OTHER PENALTY AUTHORIZED UNDER A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW.

(F) A PERSON MAY NOT BE DISPLACED BY ENFORCEMENT OF THE MINIMUM LIVABILITY CODE UNLESS ALTERNATE HOUSING IS PROVIDED.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That from July 1, 1986 through September 1, 1986, the Department shall conduct public hearings throughout the State on the livability code, and on November 1, 1986, the Department shall publish the livability code as proposed regulation in the Maryland Register. From November 1, 1986 through February 15, 1987, the proposed livability code shall be reviewed by the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review and the standing fiscal committees, and by no later than April 1, 1987, the Department shall adopt the livability code in the final form in the Maryland Register.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That from April 1, 1987, through ~~July 17, 1988~~ January 1, 1989, the livability code will not be binding but will serve as a model for local governments to consider for local adoption.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on ~~July 17, 1988~~ January 1, 1989, the livability code shall become law and shall become binding on any local government that has not adopted its own livability code as specified in Section 4 of this Act.

SECTION 3 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

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