(3) Make an annual report on its condition and operations to the Governor.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved April 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 226

(House Bill 504)

AN ACT concerning

Housing - Rental Allowance Program

FOR the purpose of allowing the Department of Economic and Community Development to make rental allowance payments on behalf for-the-benefit on behalf of certain eligible households under the pilot program established by Chapter 629 of the Laws of 1986; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 629 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986 Section 2

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

Chapter 629 of the Acts of 1986

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal years 1987 and 1988 only, the Secretary of Economic and Community Development shall establish a rental allowance program. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to make grants as provided in this section.

- (a) The Department shall administer a pilot program of financial assistance to lower income households by providing fixed monthly rental allowance payments to $\Theta R \Theta N BEHALF$ FOR THE BENEFIT to OR ON BEHALF OF eligible households.
- (b) The Secretary of Economic and Community Development shall establish: