

CHAPTER 287

(House Bill 1376)

AN ACT concerning

Residential Lead Paint Abatement Program - Loans

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Economic and Community Development to forgive, wholly or partly, deferred residential lead paint abatement loans; and providing for the termination of a certain provision of this Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
Section 11-702(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Residential Lead Paint Abatement Program is to facilitate the elimination of hazardous conditions caused by lead paint in dwellings occupied by families of limited income; and

WHEREAS, The program is the least successful housing program within the Governor's 1986 Housing Initiative; and

WHEREAS, The lack of success of the program relates to (1) the absence of reliable methods for making properties lead safe, (2) a limited number of contractors who are willing to undertake lead abatement projects because of the high initial costs for equipment and the potential hazards to workers, and (3) the reticence of property owners to incur large debts to under take abatement projects which may not be successful because of the aforementioned points; and

WHEREAS, Considering the social nature of the problem and all of the difficulties associated with the program, there is a justifiable basis for forgiving indebtedness to make undertaking of lead abatement more palatable to property owners; now, therefore,

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