

SUBTITLE 2. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

[(6)] 8-201. For the purposes set forth in [paragraph (c)(1)] SECTION 2-701 OF THIS SUBTITLE and under the direction of the Secretary, the Commission shall:

[(i)] (1) Develop, adopt, and annually update a housing plan, policy, and needs statement for the State which shall be consistent with the purposes of [paragraph (c)(1)] SECTION 8-101 OF THIS TITLE, include an assessment of the progress of the Department in implementing the plan, policy, and needs statement, and be presented to the Governor and the General Assembly;

[(ii)] (2) Examine, develop, and recommend to the Secretary innovative programs relating to the building, financing, insuring and managing of housing for those families, elderly citizens, and other special populations that cannot be adequately served by the private market;

[(iii)] (3) Review federal housing programs and make recommendations to the Secretary on the most effective use of those programs in this State;

[(iv)] (4) Appear before federal agencies, Congress, and the General Assembly to advocate the need for housing policies and legislation designed to fulfill the purposes of [paragraph (c)(1)] SECTION 8-101 OF THIS TITLE;

[(v)] (5) Assist the Secretary in developing a public information service designed to bring available housing resources to the attention of populations in need;

[(vi)] (6) On an annual basis, review existing housing programs within the Department and make appropriate recommendations for modification to the Secretary;

[(vii)] (7) Review departmental proposals for new housing programs and make appropriate recommendations to the Secretary; and

[(viii)] (8) Encourage and assist the efforts of local governments to develop mutual and cooperative solutions to common housing problems.

[(7)] 8-202. The Secretary shall provide staff support to the Commission.

[(8)] 8-203. Each public member shall serve without compensation but be entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations.

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