

establish policies and procedures for determining eligibility for certain Programs grants and loans; specifying the source of moneys and certain requirements relating to the Special Loan Programs Fund; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; abolishing the Lead Paint Abatement Program; repealing a funding provision and the termination date of the Radon Gas and Asbestos Abatement Pilot Program; and generally relating to the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program, and the Lead Hazard Reduction Loan Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development

Section 2-307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development

Section 2-1301 through 2-1311, inclusive to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 13. Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program and Lead Hazard Reduction Loan Program"

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

**Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development**

2-307.

(a) [(1) There is a Lead Paint Abatement Program within the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program.

(2)] There is a Radon Gas and Asbestos Abatement Pilot Program within the [Lead Paint Abatement] MARYLAND HOUSING REHABILITATION Program.

(b) The Department shall operate the Program and make loans for rehabilitation projects for radon gas[, ] AND asbestos[, and lead paint] abatement[, which loans may include the cost of any testing which has identified the need for lead paint abatement].

(c) The terms and provisions for loans shall satisfy the requirements of § 2-303(h) of this subtitle.

(d) [Loans made for abatement of lead paint in residential buildings under this section that are deferred under § 2-303(f)(1) of this subtitle may be forgiven, wholly or partly, by the Department.

(e)] (1) To qualify for a loan, the owner of a building: