

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in November, 2000 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

Enacted April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 206

(Senate Bill 207)

AN ACT concerning

Smart Codes – Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt a Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code ~~to encourage and facilitate the rehabilitation of existing buildings and to maintain the level of safety that existing building codes provide for certain purposes; providing for the enforcement of the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code;~~ providing that the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code be modeled on the Nationally Applicable Recommended Rehabilitation Provisions; providing that the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code shall apply to all rehabilitation projects within the State on or after a certain date; authorizing local jurisdictions to adopt local amendments and providing certain benefits to local jurisdictions that do not adopt local amendments to the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code; providing that the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code and any local amendments be included in a certain data base; providing for certain categories of work; providing that the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code provide for a certain initial planning meeting under certain circumstances; providing for an expedited review process for certain proposed amendments to the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code; requiring that certain principal State departments and State boards and commissions modify their regulations to be consistent with the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code; providing that there be a Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code Advisory Council and providing for Council membership, terms, reimbursement, duties, and responsibilities; providing for the initial terms of Council members; providing that there be a director of the Council; providing for certain training of certain officials; providing that certain applications to the Rural Legacy Board include a certain certification; making certain provisions of this Act subject to a certain funding contingency; making provisions of this Act severable; providing for the