

agree to certain requirements; restricting the total amount of grant money that may be awarded to a project within a certain period of time; requiring, subject to a certain exception, that a matching grant be provided by certain parties; prohibiting the State from expending any State general funds to implement the Program; requiring the Secretary to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the Secretary to annually report to the General Assembly about the status and effectiveness of the Program; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community Demonstration Program.

BY adding to

Article 70B - Department of Aging

Section 37 through 44, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Naturally Occurring Retirement Community Demonstration Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article 70B - Department of Aging

NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

37.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ELDERLY RESIDENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS:

- (1) AT LEAST 60 YEARS OLD;
- (2) A RESIDENT OF A NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY; AND
- (3) THE HEAD OF A HOUSEHOLD.

(C) "NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY" MEANS A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA OR IDENTIFIABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY THAT HAS EXISTED FOR AT LEAST 20 YEARS AND, AS A RESULT OF NATURALLY OCCURRING DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES, HAS COME TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY CONCENTRATED CLUSTERS OF RESIDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 60 YEARS. AN APARTMENT BUILDING OR HOUSING COMPLEX THAT:

- (1) ~~WAS CONSTRUCTED WITH MONETARY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT;~~
- (2) ~~WAS NOT ORIGINALLY BUILT FOR ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS;~~