

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

**TITLE 18. REGULATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR RENT OR LEASE.**

18-101.

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

(B) "AFFECTED PROPERTY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6-801(B) OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

(C) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS:

(1) A COUNTY; OR

(2) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(D) (1) "RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY" MEANS A BUILDING OR A PORTION OF A BUILDING THAT PROVIDES COMPLETE LIVING FACILITIES, INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, FACILITIES FOR COOKING, SANITATION, AND SLEEPING.

(2) "RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY" INCLUDES:

(I) A SINGLE-FAMILY UNIT IN A MULTIFAMILY DWELLING; AND

(II) A "RENTAL DWELLING UNIT" AS DEFINED UNDER § 6-801(T) OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

18-102.

THIS TITLE APPLIES TO THE REGULATION IN ANY MANNER BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS RENTED OR LEASED, INCLUDING REGULATION BY THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF:

(1) A LICENSE OR REGISTRATION TO AUTHORIZE THE OWNER OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF RENTING OR LEASING THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY;

(2) A LICENSE OR REGISTRATION TO AUTHORIZE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO BE RENTED OR LEASED; OR

(3) A CERTIFICATION THAT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS RENTED OR LEASED IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH A LOCAL HOUSING, LIVABILITY, OR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

18-103.

BEFORE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZES OR CERTIFIES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO BE RENTED OR LEASED, THE OWNER OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SHALL STATE IN WRITING TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY: