

Racing Commission, for the purposes of determining a retiree's State subsidy, creditable service shall be determined with respect to service as an additional employee or agent beginning from the initial date of employment or January 1, 1986, whichever is later.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved April 27, 2004.

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## CHAPTER 88

### (Senate Bill 66)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Department of Housing and Community Development - Community Development Administration - Grants to Home Buyers**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Community Development Administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development to award ~~certain~~ grants to home buyers for settlement expenses under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to grants to home buyers from the Community Development Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development

Section 2-201(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume)

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**

2-201.

(b) (1) The Administration is hereby created as a division of the Department to coordinate the various activities and programs which may contribute to sound community development, to encourage and facilitate the development of new and existing communities by reducing the costs of development through grants, loans, and other forms of financial assistance, to encourage and facilitate energy conservation and the utilization of solar energy in housing and commercial buildings by providing grants, loans, and other forms of financial assistance, making available land for such development and by assisting the efforts of private enterprise, municipalities, counties, local public agencies, local development corporations, and nonprofit organizations.