

the Settlement Expense Loan Program ~~to include certain owner occupants~~; and generally relating to the Maryland Home Financing Program and the Settlement Expense Loan Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 83B – Department of Housing and Community Development  
Section 2-602, 2-604, 2-605, 2-610, and 2-1001(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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**

2-602.

The purposes of the Program are to make, purchase, and participate in making:

(1) Preferred interest rate loans [to households of limited income] for the purchase, purchase and rehabilitation, or refinancing of a primary residence BY:

(I) HOUSEHOLDS OF LIMITED INCOME WHO WILL OCCUPY A SINGLE-UNIT PRIMARY RESIDENCE; OR

(II) OWNER-OCCUPANTS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WITH NO MORE THAN 4 UNITS, WHERE ALL UNITS OTHER THAN THE OWNER'S WILL BE OCCUPIED BY HOUSEHOLDS OF LIMITED INCOME;

(2) Short-term construction loans to developers for the construction or rehabilitation of residential units affordable to households of limited income;

(3) Emergency assistance loans to households of limited income who, because of unemployment or other extraordinary hardship, are unable to make current mortgage payments on their homes and are likely to have to forfeit the title to their home; and

(4) Reverse equity loans to elderly households of limited income for housing related expenses and personal expenses which enable the owner to continue to occupy the owner's home.

2-604.

(a) The Department shall:

(1) Manage and supervise the Program;

(2) Carry out the Program in a manner that:

(i) Serves all of the areas of the State; and