

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Minimum Livability Code – Inspections and Enforcement

FOR the purpose of requiring certain inspections of certain housing units in Charles County at certain times; requiring certain reports of these inspections at certain times to contain certain information; ~~providing for the application of this Act requiring the State Fire Marshal and a Code Enforcement Officer in Charles County to take certain actions; limiting the number of inspections required under this Act during a certain period of time;~~ providing certain ~~powers for a community association that is~~ authority to Southern Maryland Area Self-Help, Inc. if designated to serve as an agent for a ~~certain~~ tenant; ~~defining a certain term;~~ and generally relating to inspections under and the enforcement of the Minimum Livability Code in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,

Article 83B – Department of Housing and Community Development

Section 6-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Charles County

Section 81-1 to be under the new chapter “Chapter 81 Minimum Livability Code”

Article 9 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1988 Edition and October, 1991 Supplement, as amended)

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

6-103.

(a) (1) Each local political subdivision shall adopt, by regulation, a local housing code that sets minimum property maintenance standards for housing in the subdivision.

(2) The Secretary shall adopt, by regulation, a minimum livability code that:

(i) Sets minimum property standards for housing in the State; and

(ii) Allows for exceptions and variations between subdivisions to reflect geographic differences or when the Secretary determines that unique local conditions justify variations or exceptions recommended by local subdivisions.