

**Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development**

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Business entity" means a person conducting or operating a trade or business in the State.

(3) "Certified heritage area" has the meaning stated in § 13-1101(d) of the Financial Institutions Article.

(4) "Certified heritage structure" means a structure that is:

(i) Listed in the National Register of Historic Places;

(ii) Designated as a historic property under local law;

(iii) 1. Located in a historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places or in a local historic district; and

2. Certified by the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust as contributing to the significance of the district; or

(iv) Located in a certified heritage area and which has been certified by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority as contributing to the significance of the certified heritage area.

(5) "Certified rehabilitation" means rehabilitation of a certified heritage structure which the Director certifies is substantial rehabilitation in conformance with the rehabilitation standards of the United States Secretary of the Interior.

(6) "Director" means the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust.

(7) "Local historic district" means a district that the governing body of a county or municipal corporation, or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, has designated under local law as historic.

(8) "Qualified rehabilitation expenditure" means any amount expended in the rehabilitation of a structure that is properly chargeable to capital account.

(9) "Substantial rehabilitation" means rehabilitation of a structure for which the qualified rehabilitation expenditures, during the 24-month period selected by the taxpayer ending with or within the taxable year, exceed:

(i) For owner-occupied residential property, \$5,000; or

(ii) For all other property, the greater of:

1. The adjusted basis of the structure; or

2. \$5,000.