

WHEREAS, The late Delegate Jane E. Lawton was a tireless advocate for protection of our environment and long supported energy efficiency and conservation measures; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 9-20A-01 through 9-20A-09 and the subtitle "Subtitle 20A. Energy Efficiency and Economic Development Loan Program"; and Section(s) 9-2101 through 9-2109 and the subtitle "Subtitle 21. Community Energy Loan Program" of Article - State Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

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

Article - State Government

SUBTITLE 20A. THE JANE E. LAWTON CONSERVATION LOAN PROGRAM.

9-20A-01.

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

(B) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION.

(C) "BORROWER" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE LOCAL JURISDICTION, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR ELIGIBLE BUSINESS THAT APPLIES AND QUALIFIES FOR A LOAN UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

(D) "ELIGIBLE BUSINESS" MEANS A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE OR BUSINESS:

(1) THAT IS INCORPORATED IN THE STATE; OR

(2) WHOSE PRINCIPAL OWNERS ARE STATE RESIDENTS AND THE BUSINESS OF WHICH IS PRINCIPALLY CARRIED OUT IN THE STATE.

(E) "ENERGY COST SAVINGS" MEANS THE ACTUAL REDUCTION IN OPERATING EXPENSES RESULTING FROM THE IMPROVED ENERGY EFFICIENCY GENERATED BY AN ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAM.