

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Department of Housing and Community Development provides housing assistance to households at risk of homelessness, persons with disabilities, disaster evacuees, and others with critical or emergency housing needs through various programs and under various statutory provisions; and

WHEREAS, The Department wishes to continue to provide such assistance and to update its programs to ensure it can address the needs of different populations in current and future housing markets; and

WHEREAS, Statutory changes are necessary to clarify the Department's authority and provide flexibility to enable the Department to meet the housing affordability issues confronting Maryland's residents today and tomorrow; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 4-1401 through 4-1408 and the subtitle "Subtitle 14. Rental Allowance Program" of Article - Housing and Community Development of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

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

Article - Housing and Community Development

4-103.

The Division includes:

- (1) the Community Development Administration;
- (2) the Down Payment and Settlement Expense Loan Program;
- (3) the Elderly Rental Housing Program;
- (4) federal and State weatherization programs;
- (5) the Group Home Financing Program;
- (6) the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program;
- (7) the Lead Hazard Reduction Loan Program;