

# SENATE BILL 710

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By: **Senators Conway, Dyson, Exum, Frosh, Gladden, Hogan, Kelley, and Pugh**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Affordable Housing – Enabling Authority for Counties and Municipalities**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing counties and municipalities to take certain actions to  
4 support, foster, or promote an affordable housing program for individuals or  
5 families of low or moderate income; making certain technical corrections; and  
6 generally relating to the authority of counties and municipalities to take action  
7 to support, foster, and promote affordable housing.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions  
10 Section 6–203  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

16 6–203.

17 (a) **(1)** Any county or municipality of the State may participate in federal  
18 programs of lower–income housing assistance and for this purpose, may:

19 **[(1)] (I)** **[enter] ENTER** into and perform contracts or agreements  
20 with the United States or federal agencies;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           [(2)] (II)   [accept] **ACCEPT** and expend assistance payments made  
2 with respect to existing, newly constructed, or substantially rehabilitated housing;

3           [(3)] (III)   [act] **ACT** as a public housing agency within the meaning of  
4 federal law; and

5           [(4)] (IV)   [do] **DO** all things necessary or convenient to its  
6 participation.

7           [(b)] (2)   (I)   The powers conferred by this section are in addition to all  
8 other powers of counties and municipalities and may be exercised directly by the  
9 county or municipality or as otherwise provided by its governing body, whether or not  
10 the county or municipality has established a housing authority under the Housing  
11 Authorities Law.

12                           (II)   This section does not affect any powers conferred on housing  
13 authorities or on counties or municipalities by Housing Authorities Law or the housing  
14 cooperation law.

15           **(B) TO SUPPORT, FOSTER, OR PROMOTE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
16 **PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES OF LOW OR MODERATE INCOME, A**  
17 **COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY:**

18                           **(1) ESTABLISH LOCAL TRUST FUNDS OR PROVIDE FOR THE**  
19 **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS;**

20                           **(2) WAIVE OR MODIFY IMPACT BUILDING PERMIT OR**  
21 **DEVELOPMENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LOWER-INCOME**  
22 **HOUSING;**

23                           **(3) ENACT LEGISLATION THAT RESTRICTS COST AND RESALE**  
24 **PRICES AND REQUIRES DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AS**  
25 **PART OF ANY SUBDIVISION IN RETURN FOR ADDED DENSITY;**

26                           **(4) PROVIDE LAND OR PROPERTY FROM THE INVENTORY OF THE**  
27 **COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY;**

28                           **(5) SUPPORT PILOT PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE CONSTRUCTION**  
29 **OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND**

1                   **(6) CONDUCT ANY OTHER ACTIVITY TO ENABLE THE**  
2 **CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

3                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2007.