HOUSE BILL 931

By: **Delegates Carter, Cluster, Mitchell, Oaks, Smigiel, and Washington** Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2011 Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Local Governments – Real Property – Healthy Properties and Urban Renewal

FOR the purpose of requiring a local government to take certain actions within a certain period of time with regard to real property acquired by the local government to satisfy certain nuisance and building code laws or to sell the real property to certain parties; defining a certain term; and generally relating to real property owned by local governments.

- 8 BY adding to
- 9 Article 24 Political Subdivisions Miscellaneous Provisions
- 10 Section 25–101 and 25–102 to be under the new title "Title 25. Healthy 11 Properties and Urban Renewal"
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

- 16 Article 24 Political Subdivisions Miscellaneous Provisions
- 17 TITLE 25. HEALTHY PROPERTIES AND URBAN RENEWAL.
- 18 **25–101.**
- 19 IN THIS TITLE, "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS:

20 (1) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT DERIVES HOME RULE 21 AUTHORITY FROM ARTICLE XI–E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION; OR

22 (2) BALTIMORE CITY.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 **25–102.**

2 WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY, A LOCAL 3 GOVERNMENT SHALL:

4 (1) (I) SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY APPLICABLE 5 STATE OR LOCAL NUISANCE LAWS; AND

6 (II) WITH REGARD TO ANY BUILDING ON THE REAL 7 PROPERTY:

8 **1.** ENSURE THAT THE BUILDING SATISFIES ANY 9 APPLICABLE BUILDING CODE; OR

10 **2. DEMOLISH THE BUILDING; OR**

11(2)SELL THE REAL PROPERTY, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE PERSON12OR ENTITY DESIGNATED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO APPROVE A13CONTRACT OF SALE, TO:

14(I)AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A BENEFICIAL RECORD OF15REAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP OR TENANCY; OR

16(II) A CORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION THAT IS17DEDICATED TO URBAN RENEWAL.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect19 October 1, 2011.

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