HOUSE BILL 127

C9 5lr0154 CF SB 238 (PRE-FILED) Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request -Departmental – Housing and Community Development) Requested: October 6, 2024 Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2025 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: February 11, 2025 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Department of Housing and Community Development - Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program - Local Rehabilitation Program Administration FOR the purpose of expanding the entities eligible to administer local rehabilitation programs to include certain nonprofit sponsors; and generally relating to the administration of the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program. BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Housing and Community Development Section 4–901(a), (h), and (i) Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Housing and Community Development Section 4–901(e), 4–911, and 4–914 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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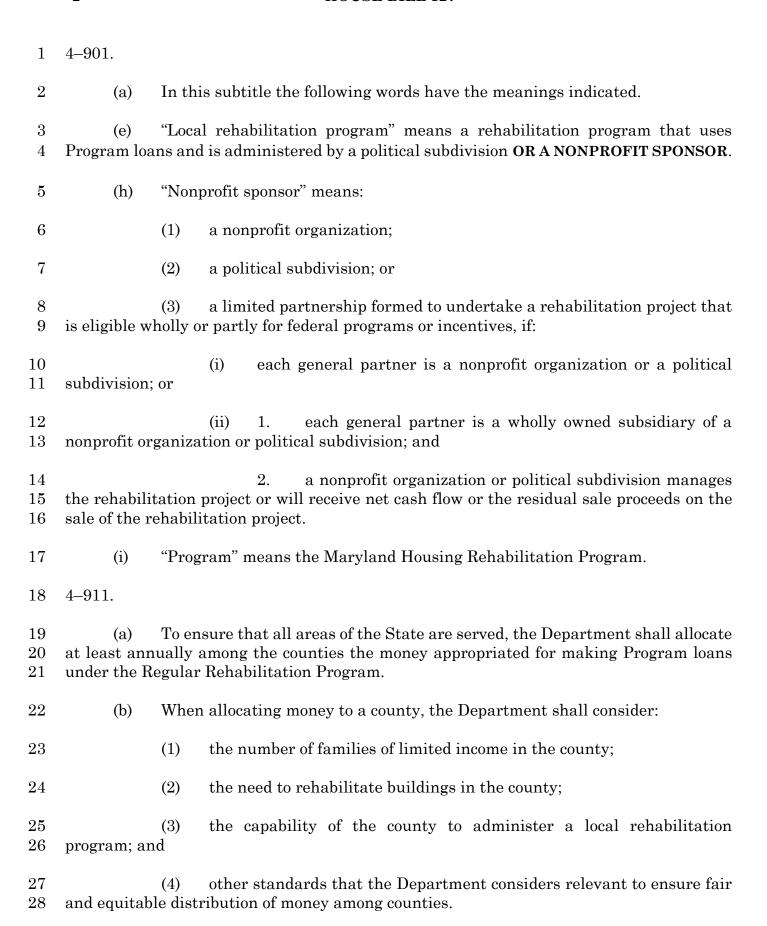
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Article – Housing and Community Development





1	(c)	The Department may:			
2 3	(1) allocate on a countywide basis first and then make suballocations among participating municipal corporations AND NONPROFIT SPONSORS within counties;				
4 5	Programs I	(2) allocate up to 25% of the total money available in the Special Loan grams Fund to a reserve; and			
6		(3)	from	time to time, reallocate the money held in the reserve.	
7	4–914.				
8 9 10 11	(a) If the Department certifies a political subdivision OR NONPROFIT SPONSOR as capable of administering a local rehabilitation program, the political subdivision OR NONPROFIT SPONSOR may originate and administer Program loans under regulations of the Department.				
12 13 14	(b) (1) By regulation, the Department shall establish standards for determining the capability of a political subdivision OR NONPROFIT SPONSOR to administer a local rehabilitation program.				
15		(2)	The	standards shall include provisions on:	
16 17	would adm	inister	(i) the Pr	the size, training, and experience of the professional staff that cogram; and	
18			(ii)	the capability of the professional staff to:	
19				1. determine rehabilitation needs;	
20				2. establish rehabilitation programs;	
21				3. evaluate applications for Program loans; and	
22 23	with them.			4. monitor Program loans and the rehabilitation work done	
24 25 26 27	Departmen	cannot t may	or do	artment determines that a political subdivision OR NONPROFIT bes not want to administer a local rehabilitation program, the nate and administer Program loans from the allocation or itical subdivision.	
28	(d)	The l	Depart	ement may:	

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(1) help train employees of political subdivisions AND NONPROFIT SPONSORS to administer local rehabilitation programs under the standards that the Department sets; and
(2) provide political subdivisions AND NONPROFIT SPONSORS advice and technical assistance on the administration of their local rehabilitation programs, including loan packaging, contractor and bid selection, zoning, marketing, engineering, and related services.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.
Approved:
Governor.
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
President of the Senate.