

By: **Senator Conway**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Location of Housing Projects**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City from
4 approving a certain housing project unless the Housing Authority of Baltimore
5 City, at a certain time, provides notice of the location of the housing project to
6 the City Council of Baltimore City and certain residents; and generally relating
7 to the location of certain housing in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article 44A - Housing Authorities
10 Section 1-103(l)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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14 Article 44A - Housing Authorities
15 Section 3-102(i)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article 44A - Housing Authorities**

21 1-103.

22 (l) (1) "Housing project" shall mean any work or undertaking:

23 (i) To demolish, clear, or remove buildings from any economically
24 depressed or physically deteriorated area; such work or undertaking may embrace the
25 adaptation of such area to public purposes, including parks or other recreational or
26 community purposes;

1 (ii) To provide decent, safe, and sanitary living accommodations for
2 persons of eligible income and, to the extent authorized in accordance with §
3 1-302(a)(4) of this title, for other persons; such work or undertaking, or portion
4 thereof, may include buildings, land, equipment, facilities, and other real or personal
5 property for necessary, convenient, or desirable appurtenances, streets, sewers, water
6 service, parks, site preparation, gardening, administrative, community, health,
7 recreational, educational, welfare, or other purposes; or

8 (iii) To accomplish a combination of the foregoing.

9 (2) The term "housing project" also may be applied to the planning of the
10 buildings and improvements, the acquisition of property, the demolition of existing
11 structures, the construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of the
12 improvements, and all other work in connection therewith.

13 3-102.

14 (i) (1) Notwithstanding § 1-301 of this article, no housing project as defined
15 or described in § 1-103(l) of this article shall be commenced, arranged, contracted for,
16 or carried out in the City of Baltimore unless and until its location has been
17 submitted to and approved by the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City.

18 (2) THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES OF BALTIMORE CITY MAY NOT APPROVE
19 A HOUSING PROJECT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
20 HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY, AT LEAST 90 DAYS BEFORE THE BOARD
21 APPROVES THE HOUSING PROJECT, PROVIDES NOTICE OF THE LOCATION OF THE
22 HOUSING PROJECT TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA
23 WHERE THE HOUSING PROJECT IS TO BE LOCATED.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 1999.