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By: **The Speaker (Administration) and Delegates Rawlings, Hixson, Healey, Rosenberg, Branch, R. Baker, Shriver, Turner, Rudolph, Marriott, Benson, Cane, D. Davis, Dobson, Doory, Gladden, Hill, Hubbard, Moe, Oaks, and Swain**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Homeownership Opportunities for Teachers**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that teachers are to be included in the efforts of the
4 Department of Housing and Community Development to promote
5 homeownership opportunities; and generally relating to the Community
6 Development Administration and the Department of Housing and Community
7 Development.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development
10 Section 2-201(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that increasing student
15 enrollment and the projected number of teachers retiring will require an increase in
16 the number of teachers needed in the State's schools; and

17 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that encouraging initiatives
18 to provide affordable housing for teachers as part of the State's efforts to recruit and
19 retain qualified teachers will help meet the State's critical need for teachers in certain
20 areas; and

21 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to encourage
22 homeownership opportunities for teachers in priority funding areas that meet the
23 requirements of Title 5, Subtitle 7B of the State Finance and Procurement Article of
24 the Code; and

25 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that by enactment of this
26 legislation, the Department is encouraged to assist in a comprehensive effort to

1 improve homeownership opportunities for teachers, in furtherance of and without
2 limiting the authority of the Department under existing law; now, therefore,

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

5 **Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development**

6 2-201.

7 (a) It is found and declared that in this era of rapid population growth and
8 expansion and of increasing urbanization, there is a need, in many areas of the State,
9 to promote sound community development.

10 It is further found and declared that the counties and municipalities of the State
11 do not have adequate resources to, and the ordinary operations of private enterprise
12 cannot without State assistance, deal effectively with all of the problems of sound
13 community development.

14 It is further found that a need exists to coordinate and concentrate federal,
15 State, regional and local public and private community development efforts and
16 resources.

17 It is further found and declared that there is a shortage of adequate, safe, and
18 sanitary housing for families of limited income particularly; and that by increasing
19 the housing supply for families of limited incomes this shortage will be alleviated and
20 sound community development promoted.

21 It is further found and declared that the increase of opportunities for
22 homeownership is desirable and promotes sound community development,
23 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN PRIORITY
24 FUNDING AREAS TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN TEACHERS.

25 It is further found and declared that the reduction of the consumption of energy
26 and the increase in the utilization of solar energy by the provision of financial
27 assistance to encourage energy conservation and solar energy improvements to
28 housing and buildings used for commercial purposes promotes sound community
29 development and is otherwise in the public interest.

30 It is further found and declared that the public infrastructure maintained by
31 local government, which includes streets, sidewalks, curbs, sewer and water systems,
32 bridges, and public buildings, is in need of rehabilitation and construction, that the
33 resources necessary for financing infrastructure projects have become scarcer in
34 recent years, and that providing an additional, accessible, and uncomplicated
35 mechanism for financing infrastructure needs promotes sound community
36 development, is vital to a strong economy, improves the quality of the environment,
37 and otherwise promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State.

38 It is further found and declared that to promote sound community development
39 is a proper public purpose and State use for which public money may be expended and

1 property may be acquired, and that the functions and responsibilities of the
2 Community Development Administration as hereinafter set forth are necessary and
3 proper for the purpose of achieving the ends here recited.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect October 1, 2000.