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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging - Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund;
4 providing for the administration of the Fund; providing for distributions from
5 the Fund to counties for senior citizens activities centers; defining certain terms;
6 requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget of
7 certain fiscal years; and generally relating to the Senior Citizens Activities
8 Center Operating Fund.

9 BY adding to
10 Article 70B - Department of Aging
11 Section 33 through 35, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Senior Citizens
12 Activities Center Operating Fund"
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 70B - Department of Aging**

18 **SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTER OPERATING FUND**

19 33.

20 (A) IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
21 INDICATED.

1 (B) "QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY INCLUDING
2 BALTIMORE CITY THAT HAS DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A LOCAL
4 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE
5 SECRETARY AND:

6 (1) FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE MOST
7 RECENT 18-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE IS GREATER THAN 150%
8 OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE STATE DURING THAT
9 SAME PERIOD; OR

10 (2) FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE
11 MOST RECENT 24-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE IS EQUAL TO OR
12 LESS THAN 67% OF THE AVERAGE PERSONAL PER CAPITA INCOME FOR THE ENTIRE
13 STATE DURING THAT SAME PERIOD.

14 (C) "SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER" MEANS A COMMUNITY OR
15 NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND PROVISION OF A BROAD
16 SPECTRUM OF SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES SUCH AS HEALTH, SOCIAL,
17 NUTRITIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ELDERLY
18 CITIZENS.

19 34.

20 (A) THERE IS A SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTER OPERATING FUND.

21 (B) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT
22 TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

23 (C) THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF APPROPRIATIONS PROVIDED FOR IT IN THE
24 ANNUAL BUDGET.

25 (D) THE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN
26 THE FUND SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR ANY OTHER
27 FUNDS PROVIDED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN THE STATE
28 BUDGET.

29 (E) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME MANNER
30 AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

31 35.

32 (A) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

33 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE FUND SHALL BE
34 DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
35 ACTIVITIES CENTERS BASED ON A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS ADMINISTERED BY
36 THE DEPARTMENT.

1 ~~(B)~~ (C) AT LEAST 50% OF THE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO QUALIFIED
2 DISTRESSED COUNTIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS BASED UPON
3 NEED. A COUNTY'S NEED SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

4 ~~(C)~~ ~~ANY RESIDUAL FUNDS IN THE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER~~
5 ~~COUNTIES BASED ON CRITERIA SET FORTH BY THE DEPARTMENT.~~

6 (D) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall
9 include ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$500,000 in the State budget for the fiscal year 2002, and each
10 year thereafter, for the Senior Citizens Activities Center Operating Fund.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 June 1, 2000.