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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~~ SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
21 MEANINGS 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~~ CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTER" MEANS A COMMUNITY  
15 OR NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND PROVISION OF A BROAD  
16 SPECTRUM OF SERVICES ~~FOR SENIOR CITIZENS~~, INCLUDING ~~SERVICES SUCH AS~~  
17 HEALTH, SOCIAL, NUTRITIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND RECREATIONAL ~~PROGRAMS~~  
18 ~~FOR ELDERLY CITIZENS~~ SERVICES.

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 IF THAT~~  
24 ARE MADE TO THE FUND IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET.

25 (D) (1) ~~THE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR FUND SHALL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT~~  
26 ANY EXISTING FUNDING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN THE FUND  
27 ~~SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR ANY OTHER FUNDS~~  
28 ~~PROVIDED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN THE STATE BUDGET.~~

29 (2) THE FUND MAY NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT ANY EXISTING FUNDING  
30 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS IN THE STATE BUDGET.

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

33 35.

34 (A) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

35 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) IF THIS SECTION, THE FUND SHALL BE  
36 DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES CENTERS BASED ON A  
37 COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS ADMINISTERED BY 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, AS~~ 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~~ SUBTITLE.

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 fiscal 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.