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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Rental Housing Production Program - Office or Other Commercial Space**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "office and other commercial space" as it  
4 is used in the Rental Housing Production Program to include a certain type of  
5 building; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Rental Housing  
6 Production Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development  
9 Section 2-501(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development  
14 Section 2-501(h)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

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

20 2-501.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (h) "Office and other commercial space" means [buildings] A BUILDING:

23 (1) Constructed more than 30 years before an application is submitted to  
24 the Department to finance the conversion of the building to rental housing units;

25 (2) Consisting of two or more floors at or above ground level; and

1                   (3)     (I)     [Which was built] BUILT for the primary purpose of being used  
2 for office or other commercial space and was last used as office or other commercial  
3 space; OR

4                                (II)     LAST USED AS OFFICE OR OTHER COMMERCIAL SPACE.

5     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
6 effect October 1, 2002.