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By: **Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**(By Request - Departmental - Housing and Community Development)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Housing and Community Development - Community**  
3 **Development Administration - Grants to Home Buyers**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Community Development Administration of the  
5 Department of Housing and Community Development to award certain grants  
6 to home buyers for settlement expenses; and generally relating to grants to  
7 home buyers from the Community Development Administration.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development  
10 Section 2-201(b)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2003 Replacement Volume)

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

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

16 2-201.

17 (b) (1) The Administration is hereby created as a division of the Department  
18 to coordinate the various activities and programs which may contribute to sound  
19 community development, to encourage and facilitate the development of new and  
20 existing communities by reducing the costs of development through grants, loans, and  
21 other forms of financial assistance, to encourage and facilitate energy conservation  
22 and the utilization of solar energy in housing and commercial buildings by providing  
23 grants, loans, and other forms of financial assistance, making available land for such  
24 development and by assisting the efforts of private enterprise, municipalities,  
25 counties, local public agencies, local development corporations, and nonprofit  
26 organizations.

27 (2) [Except for grants which may be awarded to the Administration  
28 under federal law, including without limitation Title V of the Energy Security Act,

1 P.L. 96-294, grants] GRANTS of land or money shall be limited to local governments  
2 or to organizations which are defined under § 2-203(q), (r), (u), and (v) of this subtitle,  
3 EXCEPT FOR:

4 (I) GRANTS THAT MAY BE AWARDED TO THE ADMINISTRATION  
5 UNDER FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION TITLE V OF THE ENERGY  
6 SECURITY ACT, P.L. 96-294; AND

7 (II) GRANTS BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO HOME BUYERS FOR  
8 SETTLEMENT EXPENSES.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
10 effect October 1, 2004.