
By: **Chairman, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental - Aging)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "qualified distressed county"; altering
4 the definition of "senior citizen activities center"; and generally relating to the
5 Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 70B - Department of Aging
8 Section 33(b) and (c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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

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15 (b) "Qualified distressed county" means a county that has developed and
16 submitted [to the Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic
17 Development] a local strategic plan for economic development that has been
18 approved by the Secretary OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and:

19 (1) For which the average rate of unemployment for the most recent
20 18-month period for which data is available is greater than 150% of the average rate
21 of unemployment for the entire State during that same period; or

22 (2) For which the average per capita personal income for the most recent
23 24-month period for which data is available is equal to or less than 67% of the
24 average personal per capita income for the entire State during that same period.

25 (c) "Senior citizen activities center" means a community or neighborhood
26 facility for the organization and provision of a broad spectrum of services for senior

1 citizens AND THEIR SPOUSES, including health, social, nutritional, educational, and
2 recreational services.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect October 1, 2006.