

SENATE BILL 223

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Partnership Rental Housing Program - Ownership of Rental Housing -**
3 **Certified Housing Development Organizations**

4 FOR the purpose of adding certified housing development organizations to the list of
5 entities that may own rental housing that is financed by the Partnership Rental
6 Housing Program of the Department of Housing and Community Development;
7 and generally relating to the Department of Housing and Community
8 Development.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Housing and Community Development
11 Section 1–101(a) and (d) and 4–1201(a) and (g)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Housing and Community Development
16 Section 4–1204
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2006 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

22 1–101.

23 (a) In this Division I of this article the following words have the meanings
24 indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) "Department" means the Department of Housing and Community
2 Development.

3 4-1201.

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

5 (g) "Program" means the Partnership Rental Housing Program.

6 4-1204.

7 The purposes of the Program are to:

8 (1) provide decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing for households of
9 lower income;

10 (2) provide financial assistance to political subdivisions or housing
11 authorities to acquire, construct, reconstruct, renovate, or rehabilitate rental housing
12 affordable to households of lower income;

13 (3) stimulate the development and ownership of rental housing for
14 households of lower income by political subdivisions, housing authorities, or
15 partnerships that include political subdivisions or housing authorities;

16 (4) provide financial assistance to private sector entities to acquire,
17 construct, reconstruct, renovate, or rehabilitate housing units:

18 (i) for sale to political subdivisions, housing authorities, or
19 partnerships that include political subdivisions or housing authorities, as affordable
20 rental housing for households of lower income; or

21 (ii) for occupancy by households of lower income that include
22 one or more individuals with disabilities or special needs;

23 (5) promote affordable housing programs and increased contributions
24 to the production of affordable rental housing by political subdivisions, housing
25 authorities, and the private sector, including for profit and nonprofit entities;

26 (6) encourage households of lower income that live in partnership
27 rental housing to contribute actively to the operation or maintenance of the housing or
28 the community;

29 (7) finance rental housing that is:

30 (i) to be occupied by households of lower income;

31 (ii) to be owned by:

- 1 **1.** political subdivisions;
- 2 **2.** [or] housing authorities; [or]
- 3 **3.** **CERTIFIED DEVELOPMENT HOUSING**
- 4 **ORGANIZATIONS (CHDOS) THAT ARE CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT; OR**
- 5 **4.** partnerships that include political subdivisions or
- 6 housing authorities; and
- 7 (iii) expected to be financially self-sufficient, without further
- 8 governmental financing for maintenance, renovation, or operating subsidies; and
- 9 (8) encourage the private sector to provide rental housing for
- 10 households of lower income that include one or more individuals with disabilities or
- 11 special needs.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

13 October 1, 2008.