SENATE BILL 166

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By: **Senators Waldstreicher and Hettleman** Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2023 Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Housing and Community Development – Adaptive Reuse

- FOR the purpose of establishing that adaptive reuse of existing buildings to create affordable multifamily housing is an eligible use of certain financial assistance provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to notify applicants for certain financial assistance that adaptive reuse is an eligible use of funds; and generally relating to the creation and financing of
- 8 affordable multifamily housing through the adaptive reuse of existing buildings.
- 9 BY adding to
- 10 Article Housing and Community Development
- 11 Section 1–102 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 1. General Provisions"
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 16 Article Housing and Community Development
- 17 Subtitle 1. [Definitions] GENERAL PROVISIONS.
- 18 **1–102.**

19(A)(1)IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS20INDICATED.

21 (2) "ADAPTIVE REUSE" MEANS THE RETROFITTING AND 22 REPURPOSING OF AN EXISTING BUILDING TO DEVELOP NEW DWELLING UNITS.



(3) "AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING" MEANS A MULTIFAMILY
 DWELLING WHERE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DWELLING UNITS ARE RESERVED FOR
 INDIVIDUALS WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO A CERTAIN
 LIMIT ON MAXIMUM HOUSEHOLD INCOME.

5 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS SECTION 6 APPLIES TO ANY PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT AWARDS LOANS 7 THAT MAY BE USED TO DEVELOP AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING.

8 (2) IF THE LAWS OR REGULATIONS GOVERNING A PARTICULAR 9 PROGRAM ESTABLISH MORE SPECIFIC RULES REGARDING THE USE OF LOAN 10 PROCEEDS FOR ADAPTIVE REUSE, THE MORE SPECIFIC RULES SHALL APPLY.

11 (C) (1) ADAPTIVE REUSE OF A PROPERTY TO DEVELOP AFFORDABLE
 12 MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IS AN ELIGIBLE USE OF THE PROCEEDS OF A LOAN COVERED
 13 UNDER THIS SECTION.

14 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY APPLICANTS FOR A LOAN 15 COVERED UNDER THIS SECTION THAT ADAPTIVE REUSE OF A PROPERTY TO 16 DEVELOP AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IS AN ELIGIBLE USE OF LOAN 17 PROCEEDS.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 19 October 1, 2023.