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## Corporations and Associations – Limited Equity Housing Cooperatives – Establishment

FOR the purpose of authorizing a Maryland nonstock corporation to convert to a limited equity housing cooperative and establishing certain procedures and requirements for the conversion of a Maryland nonstock corporation to a limited housing cooperative; requiring a limited equity housing corporation to provide certain notice to certain households under certain circumstances; requiring a limited equity housing cooperative to reimburse certain households for moving expenses; establishing the allocation of votes in a limited equity housing cooperative; authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a program to provide grants to Maryland nonstock corporations to promote the establishment of limited equity housing cooperatives; prohibiting local governments from imposing restrictions on limited equity housing cooperatives; establishing limitations on the appreciation and sale of a cooperative interest; authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish certain rights and requirements for a limited equity cooperative and its members and to provide certain grants to promote the establishment of limited equity cooperatives; exempting real property owned by certain limited equity housing cooperatives from State property tax subject to a certain limitation; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property owned by a certain limited equity housing cooperative; and generally relating to limited equity housing cooperatives and the conversion of Maryland nonstock corporations.

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Corporations and Associations

28 Section 5-207(a)

29 Annotated Code of Maryland

30 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 2 3 4 5 6	BY adding to Article – Corporations and Associations Section 5–6D–01 through 5–6D–10 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6D. Limited Equity Housing Cooperatives" Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
7 8 9 10	BY adding to Article – Tax – Property Section 7–308 and 9–275 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
$\frac{12}{3}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
4	Article - Corporations and Associations
5	5–207.
16 17	(a) (1) A nonstock corporation may consolidate or merge only with another nonstock corporation.
8	(2) A Maryland nonstock corporation may convert only into [a]:
19 20	(I) A foreign corporation that does not have the authority to issue stock; OR
21 22	(II) A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE UNDER SUBTITLE 6D OF THIS TITLE.
23	(3) A foreign corporation that does not have the authority to issue stock:
24	(i) May convert into a Maryland nonstock corporation; and
25	(ii) May not convert into [a]:
26 27	1. A Maryland corporation that has the authority to issue stock; OR
28 29	2. A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE UNDER SUBTITLE 6D OF THIS TITLE.

SUBTITLE 6D. LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVES.

- 1 **5-6D-01.**
- 2 IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 3 INDICATED.
- 4 (B) "ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION" MEANS THE CHARTER BY WHICH A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE BECOMES INCORPORATED UNDER THIS 5
- ARTICLE. 6
- 7 "BYLAWS" MEANS THE DOCUMENT THAT DETAILS AND GOVERNS THE
- INTERNAL ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING 8
- 9 COOPERATIVE.
- (D) "CONVERSION" MEANS THE TRANSITION OF A PROPERTY FROM A 10
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITY TO A PROPERTY OWNED BY A LIMITED EQUITY 11
- 12 HOUSING COOPERATIVE FOR USE BY MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
- 13 COOPERATIVE.
- "COOPERATIVE INTEREST" MEANS THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A 14
- LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE THAT IS COUPLED WITH A POSSESSORY 15
- INTEREST IN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE LIMITED EQUITY 16
- 17 HOUSING COOPERATIVE AND EVIDENCED BY A MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE.
- "COOPERATIVE PROJECT" MEANS ALL THE REAL AND PERSONAL 18
- 19 PROPERTY IN THIS STATE THAT IS OWNED OR LEASED BY A LIMITED EQUITY
- 20 HOUSING COOPERATIVE FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF RESIDENTIAL USE.
- 21 "DISABLED PERSON" MEANS A PERSON WITH A MEASURABLE 22LIMITATION OF MOBILITY DUE TO CONGENITAL DEFECT, DISEASE, OR TRAUMA.
- (H) "LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE" MEANS A MARYLAND 23
- NONSTOCK CORPORATION QUALIFIED IN THIS STATE, HAVING ONLY ONE CLASS OF 24
- MEMBERSHIP, IN WHICH EACH MEMBER, BY VIRTUE OF THE MEMBER'S 25
- 26 MEMBERSHIP, HAS A COOPERATIVE INTEREST IN THE CORPORATION.
- 27 "LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD" MEANS A HOUSEHOLD WITH AN INCOME (I)
- THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 80% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF 28
- 29 THE SAME SIZE.
- "MEMBER" MEANS A PERSON WHO OWNS A COOPERATIVE INTEREST. 30 **(J)**
- (K) "MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE" MEANS: 31

- 1 (1) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING 2 COOPERATIVE EVIDENCING OWNERSHIP OF A COOPERATIVE INTEREST; OR
- 3 (2) IF THERE IS NO DOCUMENT THAT SATISFIES ITEM (1) OF THIS 4 SUBSECTION, A PROPRIETARY LEASE.
- 5 (L) "MOVING EXPENSES" MEANS COSTS INCURRED TO:
- 6 (1) HIRE CONTRACTORS, LABOR, TRUCKS, OR EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY;
- 8 (2) PACK AND UNPACK PERSONAL PROPERTY;
- 9 (3) DISCONNECT AND INSTALL PERSONAL PROPERTY;
- 10 (4) INSURE PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE MOVED; AND
- 11 (5) DISCONNECT AND RECONNECT UTILITIES SUCH AS TELEPHONE SERVICE, GAS, WATER, AND ELECTRICITY.
- 13 (M) (1) "PROPRIETARY LEASE" MEANS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
- 14 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE UNDER WHICH A MEMBER HAS AN
- 15 EXCLUSIVE POSSESSORY INTEREST IN A UNIT AND A POSSESSORY INTEREST IN
- 16 COMMON WITH OTHER MEMBERS IN THAT PORTION OF A COOPERATIVE PROJECT
- 17 NOT CONSTITUTING UNITS AND THAT CREATES A LEGAL RELATIONSHIP OF
- 18 LANDLORD AND TENANT BETWEEN THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE
- 19 AND THE MEMBER, RESPECTIVELY.
- 20 (2) "PROPRIETARY LEASE" INCLUDES, IF THERE IS NO OTHER
- 21 DOCUMENT THAT SATISFIES PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A MEMBERSHIP
- 22 CERTIFICATE.
- 23 (N) "RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITY" MEANS PROPERTY CONTAINING AT 24 LEAST FIVE DWELLING UNITS LEASED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.
- 25 (O) "SENIOR CITIZEN" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST 62 YEARS OLD.
- 26 (P) "UNIT" MEANS A PORTION OF THE COOPERATIVE PROJECT LEASED FOR
- 27 EXCLUSIVE OCCUPANCY BY A MEMBER UNDER A PROPRIETARY LEASE.
- 28 **5-6D-02.**

- 1 A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION MAY BE ORGANIZED FOR THE
- 2 PURPOSE OF CONVERTING TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE AFTER
- 3 ACQUIRING OWNERSHIP OF A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITY.
- 4 **5-6D-03.**
- 5 (A) ON ACQUIRING A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITY, A MARYLAND
- 6 NONSTOCK CORPORATION MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR CONVERSION
- 7 TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE.
- 8 (B) THE RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR CONVERSION TO A LIMITED EQUITY
- 9 HOUSING COOPERATIVE MAY BE APPROVED BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A
- 10 MAJORITY OF:
- 11 (1) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK
- 12 CORPORATION; OR
- 13 (2) THE TOTAL MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK
- 14 CORPORATION.
- 15 (C) NOTICE OF THE OUTCOME OF A VOTE ON A RESOLUTION UNDER THIS
- 16 SECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK
- 17 CORPORATION.
- 18 (D) A VOTE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE
- 19 WITH THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION.
- 20 **5-6D-04.**
- 21 (A) FOLLOWING AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO APPLY FOR CONVERSION TO A
- 22 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE, A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION
- 23 SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS
- 24 AND INFORMATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
- 25 COOPERATIVE:
- 26 (1) ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, INCLUDING:
- 27 (I) THE NAME AND LOCATION OF THE LIMITED EQUITY
- 28 HOUSING COOPERATIVE;
- 29 (II) A STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSES OF THE LIMITED EQUITY
- 30 HOUSING COOPERATIVE; AND

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- 1 (III) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE 2 MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION;
- 3 (2) A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, INCLUDING:
- 4 (I) THE DATE ON WHICH THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO APPLY 5 FOR CONVERSION TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING CORPORATION TOOK PLACE;
- 6 (II) A STATEMENT OF THE FORM OF OWNERSHIP OF ALL REAL 7 AND PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS INTENDED TO BE OWNED OR LEASED BY THE 8 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE;
- 9 (III) A STATEMENT OF THE PROJECTED COMPLETION DATES 10 FOR ANY PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS;
- 11 (IV) A STATEMENT OF THE PROJECTED DATE OF FORMATION 12 FOR THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE;
- 13 (V) A DESCRIPTION OF THE VOTING AND OTHER RIGHTS IN THE 14 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE;
- (VI) A STATEMENT OF ANY FEES REQUIRED BY THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP OR ISSUANCE OF A PROPRIETARY LEASE;
- 18 (VII) A STATEMENT OF THE KNOWN OR ANTICIPATED COMMON 19 CHARGES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON MEMBERS;
- 20 (VIII) A STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST ASSOCIATED
  21 WITH EACH UNIT AND THE UNDERLYING DEBT RESPONSIBILITY ASSOCIATED WITH
  22 EACH UNIT ON A PRO RATA BASIS, IF APPLICABLE;
- 23 (IX) A STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER THE LIMITED EQUITY 24 HOUSING COOPERATIVE HAS OR WILL OBTAIN INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 25 CASUALTY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND PUBLIC LIABILITY AND IN WHAT AMOUNTS;
- 26 (X) A STATEMENT OF ALL WARRANTIES AND DISCLAIMERS
  27 MADE DURING THE PURCHASE OF THE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITY BY THE
  28 MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION; AND
  - (XI) COPIES OF THE PROPOSED OR FINAL:

- CONTRACT OF SALE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL 1 1. 2FACILITY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE LIMITED EQUITY 3 **HOUSING COOPERATIVE;** 2. 4 MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE; 3. PROPRIETARY LEASE; 5 6 4. RULES, IF ANY; 7 **5**. LEASE, OTHER THAN THE PROPRIETARY LEASE, TO A THIRD PARTY OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY TO WHICH THE LIMITED EQUITY 8 HOUSING COOPERATIVE IS A PARTY; AND 9 10 6. IF APPLICABLE, NOTICE TO AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS 11 THAT MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER § 5-6D-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE; 12 **(3)** AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET, INCLUDING INSURANCE, MAINTENANCE, RESERVES, AND GENERAL EXPENSES; 13 14 **(4)** BYLAWS; 15 **(5)** A SHARE AGREEMENT; AND 16 ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE 17 DEPARTMENT. 18 STATEMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE SUMMARIZED OR PRODUCED IN A COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS THAT EFFECTIVELY CONVEYS THE 19 REQUIRED INFORMATION. 20 21  $(C) \quad (1)$ **(I)** A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION SHALL FILE THE 22 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION 23WITH THE DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE UNDER § 5-6D-03 THIS SUBTITLE. 2425 THE DEPARTMENT MAY GRANT AN EXTENSION OF THE (II)DEADLINE ESTABLISHED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF THE 26 27MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION DEMONSTRATES A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO
- 29 (2) (I) A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION MAY SUBMIT A 30 REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A FULL OR PARTIAL WAIVER OF THE

PREPARE THE DOCUMENTS.

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- 1 REQUIREMENT OF A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
- 2 SUBSECTION.
- 3 (II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY GRANT A FULL OR PARTIAL WAIVER
- 4 OF ONE OR MORE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
- 5 IF THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION MAKES GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO
- 6 SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS.
- 7 (D) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION
- 8 PROVIDED BY A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
- 9 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:
- 10 (1) CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT THE DOCUMENTS FOR RECORD
- 11 SUBJECT TO AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION
- 12 TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE; OR
- 13 (2) If the documents and information do not meet the
- 14 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- 15 ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT, DENY THE DOCUMENTS FOR RECORD AND
- 16 NOTIFY THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION OF THE BASIS FOR THE DENIAL.
- 17 **5–6D–05.**
- 18 (A) (1) IF THE DEPARTMENT CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTS A SUBMISSION
- 19 UNDER § 5-6D-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION
- 20 SHALL:
- 21 (I) PROMPTLY NOTIFY EACH MEMBER OF THE ACCEPTANCE BY
- 22 THE DEPARTMENT; AND
- 23 (II) HOLD A VOTE TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
- 24 COOPERATIVE NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER PROVIDING NOTICE.
- 25 (2) NOTICE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:
- 26 (I) INFORM THE MEMBERS THAT AN ELECTION TO CONVERT
- 27 THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
- 28 COOPERATIVE WILL BE HELD NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER DELIVERY OF THE
- 29 NOTICE; AND
- 30 (II) INCLUDE A COPY OF THE DOCUMENTS CONDITIONALLY
- 31 ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

- 1 (B) (1) A VOTE TO CONVERT FROM A MARYLAND NONSTOCK 2 CORPORATION TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE SHALL REQUIRE AN 3 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL MEMBERS.
- 4 (2) A VOTE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION.
- - 7 (C) (1) IF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL MEMBERS OF THE 8 MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION VOTE TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY 9 HOUSING COOPERATIVE, THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION SHALL:
- 10 (I) NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT; AND
- 11 (II) BE CONVERTED TO AND RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT 12 AS A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE.
- 13 (2) If A VOTE TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
  14 COOPERATIVE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FAILS, THE MARYLAND
  15 NONSTOCK CORPORATION MAY NOT ATTEMPT TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY
  16 HOUSING COOPERATIVE FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FAILED
  17 VOTE.
- 18 **(D)** ONCE A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION IS CONVERTED TO A 19 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE, VOTES SHALL BE ASSIGNED SO THAT 20 EACH UNIT HAS ONE VOTE.
- 21 **5-6D-06.**
- 22 (A) IF A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION VOTES TO CONVERT TO A
  23 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE, THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
  24 COOPERATIVE SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE CONVERSION TO ANY
  25 HOUSEHOLD THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE RESIDENTIAL
- 26  $\,$  RENTAL FACILITY USED AS A RESIDENCE BY THE HOUSEHOLD.
- 27 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, A
  28 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE MAY REQUIRE A HOUSEHOLD TO VACATE
  29 NOT EARLIER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE DESCRIBED UNDER
  30 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.
- 31 (C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A 32 HOUSEHOLD MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO VACATE A UNIT EARLIER THAN 12 MONTHS

- 1 FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF NOTICE TO VACATE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
- 2 SECTION IF, ON THE DATE THAT THE NOTICE IS GIVEN:
- 3 (1) A MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD IS A DISABLED PERSON OR A
- 4 SENIOR CITIZEN WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD FOR AT LEAST 12
- 5 MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE TO VACATE; AND
- 6 (2) THE HOUSEHOLD:
- 7 (I) IS A LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD;
- 8 (II) NOTIFIES THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE OF
- 9 THE INTENT TO REMAIN IN THE UNIT FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 90 DAYS; AND
- 10 (III) SUBMITS THE NOTICE UNDER ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM TO
- 11 THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING
- 12 THE NOTICE TO VACATE.
- 13 (D) A HOUSEHOLD MAY BE REQUIRED TO VACATE THE PREMISES BEFORE
- 14 THE EXPIRATION OF ANY MINIMUM TIME PERIOD UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE
- 15 HOUSEHOLD:
- 16 (1) Breaches a covenant in the lease occurring before or
- 17 AFTER THE NOTICE TO VACATE IS GIVEN; OR
- 18 (2) FAILS TO PAY RENT BEFORE OR AFTER THE NOTICE TO VACATE IS
- 19 GIVEN.
- 20 (E) A LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD THAT IS REQUIRED TO VACATE A UNIT
- 21 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE LIMITED EQUITY
- 22 HOUSING COOPERATIVE FOR MOVING EXPENSES THAT:
- 23 (1) ARE ACTUALLY AND REASONABLY INCURRED; AND
- 24 (2) ARE AT LEAST \$375 BUT LESS THAN \$751.
- 25 **5–6D–07.**
- 26 (A) THE APPRECIATION AND RESALE OF A COOPERATIVE INTEREST MAY
- 27 NOT EXCEED THE COST PAID BY THE MEMBER FOR THE INITIAL COOPERATIVE
- 28 INTEREST, ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION PLUS THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
- 29 COOPERATIVE INTEREST MADE BY THE MEMBER THAT WERE APPROVED BY THE
- 30 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE.

- 1 (B) A COOPERATIVE INTEREST MAY BE SOLD ONLY TO A LOW-INCOME 2 HOUSEHOLD.
- 3 **5-6D-08.**
- 4 (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MAY:
- 5 (1) TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE TO AND NOT INCONSISTENT WITH
- 6 THIS SUBTITLE, USING A STANDARDIZED METHODOLOGY, ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL
- 7 RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE AND
- 8 ITS MEMBERS BASED ON AN INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT OF THE COOPERATIVE;
- 9 (2) BASE A DETERMINATION UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
- 10 ON THE RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS
- 11 AND THEIR MEMBERS UNDER SUBTITLE 6B OF THIS TITLE; AND
- 12 (3) ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO MARYLAND
- 13 NONSTOCK CORPORATIONS TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITED EQUITY
- 14 HOUSING COOPERATIVES.
- 15 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- 16 SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.
- 17 **5–6D–09.**
- 18 (A) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON A
- 19 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE.
- 20 (B) THE PROHIBITION IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES
- 21 REQUIREMENTS THROUGH LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE THAT RESTRICT THE SALE OF
- 22 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITIES TO A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION THAT
- 23 PLANS TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE.
- 24 **5-6D-10.**
- 25 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
- 26 SUBTITLE AND ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
- 27 COOPERATIVES.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
- 29 as follows:

- 1 **7–308.**
- 2 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, PROPERTY IS NOT
- 3 SUBJECT TO STATE PROPERTY TAX IF THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY A LIMITED
- 4 EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
- 5 TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6D OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE.
- 6 (B) THE EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION APPLIES
- 7 ONLY FOR THE FIRST 5 TAXABLE YEARS THAT THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
- 8 COOPERATIVE OWNS THE PROPERTY.
- 9 **9–275.**
- 10 (A) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE
- 11 GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY GRANT, BY LAW,
- 12 A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
- 13 PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A LIMITED EQUITY
- 14 HOUSING COOPERATIVE THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 5.
- 15 SUBTITLE 6D OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE.
- 16 (B) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE
- 17 GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY PROVIDE, BY
- 18 LAW, FOR:
- 19 (1) THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS
- 20 **SECTION**;
- 21 (2) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX CREDIT UNDER
- 22 THIS SECTION:
- 23 (3) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION AND
- 24 UNIFORM PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT; AND
- 25 (4) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TAX
- 26 CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take
- 28 effect June 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,
- 29 2026.
- 30 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as provided in Section
- 31 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.