# **SENATE BILL 927**

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### By: Senator Smith

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## A BILL ENTITLED

#### 1 AN ACT concerning

# 2 Corporations and Associations – Limited Equity Housing Cooperatives – 3 Establishment

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a Maryland nonstock corporation to convert to a limited  $\mathbf{5}$ equity housing cooperative and establishing certain procedures and requirements for 6 the conversion of a Maryland nonstock corporation to a limited housing cooperative; 7 requiring a limited equity housing corporation to provide certain notice to certain 8 households under certain circumstances; requiring a limited equity housing 9 cooperative to reimburse certain households for moving expenses; establishing the 10 allocation of votes in a limited equity housing cooperative; authorizing the 11 Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a program to 12provide grants to Maryland nonstock corporations to promote the establishment of 13 limited equity housing cooperatives; prohibiting local governments from imposing 14restrictions on limited equity housing cooperatives; establishing limitations on the 15appreciation and sale of a cooperative interest; authorizing the Department of 16Housing and Community Development to establish certain rights and requirements 17for a limited equity cooperative and its members and to provide certain grants to 18 promote the establishment of limited equity cooperatives; exempting real property 19owned by certain limited equity housing cooperatives from State property tax subject 20to a certain limitation; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or 21 the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain 22tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real 23property owned by a certain limited equity housing cooperative; and generally 24relating to limited equity housing cooperatives and the conversion of Maryland 25nonstock corporations.

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 27 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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$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       2 \\       3 \\       4 \\       5 \\       6     \end{array} $	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 11	BY adding to Article – Tax – Property Section 7–308 and 9–275 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
12 13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
14	Article – Corporations and Associations
15	5-207.
$\begin{array}{c} 16 \\ 17 \end{array}$	(a) (1) A nonstock corporation may consolidate or merge only with another nonstock corporation.
18	(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
$\begin{array}{c} 21 \\ 22 \end{array}$	(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]:
$\frac{26}{27}$	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.
30	SUBTITLE 6D. LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVES.

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1 **5–6D–01.** 

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 3 INDICATED.

4 (B) "ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION" MEANS THE CHARTER BY WHICH A 5 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE BECOMES INCORPORATED UNDER THIS 6 ARTICLE.

7 (C) "BYLAWS" MEANS THE DOCUMENT THAT DETAILS AND GOVERNS THE 8 INTERNAL ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING 9 COOPERATIVE.

10 **(D)** "CONVERSION" MEANS THE TRANSITION OF A PROPERTY FROM A 11 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITY TO A PROPERTY OWNED BY A LIMITED EQUITY 12 HOUSING COOPERATIVE FOR USE BY MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING 13 COOPERATIVE.

14 (E) "COOPERATIVE INTEREST" MEANS THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A 15 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE THAT IS COUPLED WITH A POSSESSORY 16 INTEREST IN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE LIMITED EQUITY 17 HOUSING COOPERATIVE AND EVIDENCED BY A MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE.

18 **(F)** "COOPERATIVE PROJECT" MEANS ALL THE REAL AND PERSONAL 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 (G) "DISABLED PERSON" MEANS A PERSON WITH A MEASURABLE 22 LIMITATION OF MOBILITY DUE TO CONGENITAL DEFECT, DISEASE, OR TRAUMA.

(H) "LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE" MEANS A MARYLAND
NONSTOCK CORPORATION QUALIFIED IN THIS STATE, HAVING ONLY ONE CLASS OF
MEMBERSHIP, IN WHICH EACH MEMBER, BY VIRTUE OF THE MEMBER'S
MEMBERSHIP, HAS A COOPERATIVE INTEREST IN THE CORPORATION.

(I) "LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD" MEANS A HOUSEHOLD WITH AN INCOME
THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 80% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF
THE SAME SIZE.

30 (J) "MEMBER" MEANS A PERSON WHO OWNS A COOPERATIVE INTEREST.

31 (K) "MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE" MEANS:

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1 2	(1) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE EVIDENCING OWNERSHIP OF A COOPERATIVE INTEREST; OR
$\frac{3}{4}$	(2) IF THERE IS NO DOCUMENT THAT SATISFIES ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PROPRIETARY LEASE.
5	(L) "MOVING EXPENSES" MEANS COSTS INCURRED TO:
$6\\7$	(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 12	(5) DISCONNECT AND RECONNECT UTILITIES SUCH AS TELEPHONE SERVICE, GAS, WATER, AND ELECTRICITY.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19	(M) (1) "PROPRIETARY LEASE" MEANS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE UNDER WHICH A MEMBER HAS AN EXCLUSIVE POSSESSORY INTEREST IN A UNIT AND A POSSESSORY INTEREST IN COMMON WITH OTHER MEMBERS IN THAT PORTION OF A COOPERATIVE PROJECT NOT CONSTITUTING UNITS AND THAT CREATES A LEGAL RELATIONSHIP OF LANDLORD AND TENANT BETWEEN THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE AND THE MEMBER, RESPECTIVELY.
$20 \\ 21 \\ 22$	(2) "PROPRIETARY LEASE" INCLUDES, IF THERE IS NO OTHER DOCUMENT THAT SATISFIES PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE.
$\frac{23}{24}$	(N) "RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITY" MEANS PROPERTY CONTAINING AT LEAST FIVE DWELLING UNITS LEASED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.
25	(O) "SENIOR CITIZEN" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST 62 YEARS OLD.
$\frac{26}{27}$	(P) "UNIT" MEANS A PORTION OF THE COOPERATIVE PROJECT LEASED FOR EXCLUSIVE OCCUPANCY BY A MEMBER UNDER A PROPRIETARY LEASE.

**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 NONSTOCK14CORPORATION.

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 ACCORDANCE19WITH THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION.

20 **5–6D–04.** 

(A) FOLLOWING AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO APPLY FOR CONVERSION TO A
 LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE, A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION
 SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS
 AND INFORMATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
 COOPERATIVE:

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(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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$\frac{1}{2}$	(III) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION;
3	(2) A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, INCLUDING:
45	(I) THE DATE ON WHICH THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO APPLY FOR CONVERSION TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING CORPORATION TOOK PLACE;
6 7 8	(II) A STATEMENT OF THE FORM OF OWNERSHIP OF ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS INTENDED TO BE OWNED OR LEASED BY THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE;
9 10	(III) A STATEMENT OF THE PROJECTED COMPLETION DATES FOR ANY PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS;
$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 12 \end{array}$	(IV) A STATEMENT OF THE PROJECTED DATE OF FORMATION FOR THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE;
$\frac{13}{14}$	(V) A DESCRIPTION OF THE VOTING AND OTHER RIGHTS IN THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE;
$15 \\ 16 \\ 17$	(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;
$\frac{18}{19}$	(VII) A STATEMENT OF THE KNOWN OR ANTICIPATED COMMON CHARGES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON MEMBERS;
$20 \\ 21 \\ 22$	(VIII) A STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST ASSOCIATED WITH EACH UNIT AND THE UNDERLYING DEBT RESPONSIBILITY ASSOCIATED WITH EACH UNIT ON A PRO RATA BASIS, IF APPLICABLE;
$23 \\ 24 \\ 25$	(IX) A STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE HAS OR WILL OBTAIN INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CASUALTY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND PUBLIC LIABILITY AND IN WHAT AMOUNTS;
26 27 28	(X) A STATEMENT OF ALL WARRANTIES AND DISCLAIMERS MADE DURING THE PURCHASE OF THE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITY BY THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION; AND
29	(XI) COPIES OF THE PROPOSED OR FINAL:

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11.CONTRACT OF SALE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL2FACILITY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE LIMITED EQUITY3HOUSING COOPERATIVE;

4	2. MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE;
5	3. PROPRIETARY LEASE;
6	4. RULES, IF ANY;
7 8 9	5. LEASE, OTHER THAN THE PROPRIETARY LEASE, TO A THIRD PARTY OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY TO WHICH THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE IS A PARTY; AND
10 11	6. IF APPLICABLE, NOTICE TO AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER § 5–6D–06 OF THIS SUBTITLE;
$\frac{12}{13}$	(3) AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET, INCLUDING INSURANCE, MAINTENANCE, RESERVES, AND GENERAL EXPENSES;
14	(4) BYLAWS;
15	(5) A SHARE AGREEMENT; AND
$\begin{array}{c} 16 \\ 17 \end{array}$	(6) ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
18 19 20	(B) STATEMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE SUMMARIZED OR PRODUCED IN A COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS THAT EFFECTIVELY CONVEYS THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.
21 22 23 24	(C) (1) (I) A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION SHALL FILE THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE UNDER § 5–6D–03 THIS SUBTITLE.
25	(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY GRANT AN EXTENSION OF THE

26 DEADLINE ESTABLISHED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF THE 27 MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION DEMONSTRATES A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO 28 PREPARE THE DOCUMENTS.

29(2)(1)A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION MAY SUBMIT A30REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A FULL OR PARTIAL WAIVER OF THE

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 THE14REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS15ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT, DENY THE DOCUMENTS FOR RECORD AND16NOTIFY 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**22THE DEPARTMENT; AND

23(II)HOLD A VOTE TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING24COOPERATIVE 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 CONDITIONALLY31ACCEPTED 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 5 ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE MARYLAND NONSTOCK 6 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:

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(I) NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

11(II)BE CONVERTED TO AND RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT12AS A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE.

(2) IF A VOTE TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
 COOPERATIVE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FAILS, THE MARYLAND
 NONSTOCK CORPORATION MAY NOT ATTEMPT TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY
 HOUSING COOPERATIVE FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FAILED
 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.** 

(A) IF A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION VOTES TO CONVERT TO A
LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE, THE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING
COOPERATIVE SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE CONVERSION TO ANY
HOUSEHOLD THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE RESIDENTIAL
RENTAL FACILITY USED AS A RESIDENCE BY THE HOUSEHOLD.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, A
LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE MAY REQUIRE A HOUSEHOLD TO VACATE
NOT EARLIER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE DESCRIBED UNDER
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

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$\frac{1}{2}$	FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF NOTICE TO VACATE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS 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
<b>5</b>	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.

(B) THE PROHIBITION IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES
 REQUIREMENTS THROUGH LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE THAT RESTRICT THE SALE OF
 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL FACILITIES TO A MARYLAND NONSTOCK CORPORATION THAT
 PLANS TO CONVERT TO A LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVE.

24 **5–6D–10**.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE AND ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVES.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read 29 as follows:

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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 THIS20SECTION;

21(2)ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX CREDIT UNDER22THIS SECTION;

23(3) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION AND24UNIFORM PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT; AND

25(4) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TAX26CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take
 effect June 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,
 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.