

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland acknowledges that there is a shortage of adequate and affordable housing for senior citizens in the State; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has recognized the essential need for assisting in providing housing for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, There are currently more than 434,000 Marylanders age 65 or over, the number of senior citizens is increasing at an estimated rate of 3 percent each year, 40 percent of the elderly persons in this State are over age 75, and large numbers of these individuals are in need of affordable well equipped housing for their physiological and psychological stability; and

WHEREAS, Government financed housing programs for senior citizens are widely recognized as an effective means for providing the low cost financing essential to the development of and rehabilitation of adequate housing for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, The development of a government financing program for the construction or rehabilitation of housing for senior citizens could greatly reduce the number of senior citizens who are unable to locate adequate affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor Maryland Housing Policy Commission is requested to establish--a--Commission to study and make recommendations on how the State could develop a program for financing construction and rehabilitation of housing for senior citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED,--That--the--Commission--be--composed--of--9--members appointed-as-follows-

(1)--2-members-of-the-House-of-Delegates,--appointed-by the-Speaker-of-the-House,

(2)--2-members-of-the-Senate-of-Maryland,--appointed-by the-President-of-the-Senate,

(3)--A-representative,--appointed-by-the-Governor,--from each-of-the-following-agencies-

(i)--The-State-Office-on-Aging,

(ii)--The--Department--of-Economic-and-Community Development,--and

(iii)--3--senior--citizens--who--utilize--senior citizen--housing--in--the--State,--and--be--it--further

RESOLVED,--That--the--Governor--appoint--a--chairperson--and--vice chairperson--from--the--members--of--the--Commission,--and--be--it--further