

**CHAPTER 491**

**(Senate Bill 206)**

AN ACT concerning

**Homeownership Opportunities for Teachers**

FOR the purpose of ~~clarifying that teachers are to be included in the efforts of the Department of Housing and Community Development to promote homeownership opportunities; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Housing and Community Development develop a program to promote homeownership opportunities for teachers in consultation with the State Board of Education and local boards of education; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Community Development Administration and the Department of Housing and Community Development development of a program to promote homeownership opportunities for teachers.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83B – Department of Housing and Community Development

Section 2-201(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

**Preamble**

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that increasing student enrollment and the projected number of teachers retiring will require an increase in the number of teachers needed in the State's schools; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that encouraging initiatives to provide affordable housing for teachers as part of the State's efforts to recruit and retain qualified teachers will help meet the State's critical need for teachers in certain areas; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to encourage homeownership opportunities for teachers in priority funding areas that meet the requirements of Title 5, Subtitle 7B of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Code; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that by enactment of this legislation, the Department is encouraged to assist in a comprehensive effort to improve homeownership opportunities for teachers, in furtherance of and without limiting the authority of the Department under existing law; now, therefore,

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