WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-17-2

§16-17-2. Housing authorities authorized to develop and administer safe and sanitary housing for persons engaged in national defense activities.

Any housing authority may undertake the development and administration of projects to assure the availability of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons engaged in national defense activities whom the housing authority determines would not otherwise be able to secure safe and sanitary dwellings within the vicinity thereof, but no housing authority shall initiate the development of any such project pursuant to this article after December 31, 1943.

In the ownership, development or administration of such projects, a housing authority shall have all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities that such authority has under any provision of law relating to the ownership, development or administration of slum clearance and housing projects for persons of low income, in the same manner as though all the provisions of law applicable to slum clearance and housing projects for persons of low income were applicable to projects developed or administered to assure the availability of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons engaged in national defense activities as provided in this article, and housing projects developed or administered hereunder shall constitute "projects" as that term is used in chapter ninety-three, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, second extraordinary session, 1933, and any amendments thereto: Provided, That during the period (herein called the "national defense period") that a housing authority finds (which finding shall be conclusive in any suit, action or proceeding) that within its authorized area of operation, or any part thereof, there is an acute shortage of safe and sanitary dwellings which impedes the national defense program in this state, and the the necessary safe and sanitary dwellings would not otherwise be provided when needed for persons engaged in national defense activities, any project developed or administered by such housing authority (or by any housing authority cooperating with it) in such area pursuant to this article, with the financial aid of the federal government (or as agent for the federal government as hereinafter provided), shall not be subject to the rentals and tenant selection limitations contained in any other act: And provided further, That during the national defense period, a housing authority may make payments in such amounts as it finds necessary or desirable for any services, facilities, works, privileges or improvements furnished for or in connection with any such projects. In the development or the administration of projects hereunder, or in otherwise carrying out the purposes hereof, a housing authority of a city may exercise its powers within the territorial boundaries of said city and an area within five miles from said boundaries excluding the area within the territorial boundaries of any other city which has heretofore established a housing authority. After the national defense period, any such projects owned and administered by a housing authority shall be administered for the purposes and in accordance with the provisions of chapter ninety-three, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, second extraordinary session, 1933, and any amendments thereto, except as otherwise provided in the preceding sentence of this section two.

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