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(By Mr. Arntstead)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article fifteen, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to definition of certain terms used in the state housing law.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section one, article fifteen, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 15. STATE HOUSING LAW.**

**§16-15-1. Definitions.**

1 The following terms, wherever used or referred to in  
2 this article, shall have the following respective meanings,  
3 unless in any case a different meaning clearly appears  
4 from the context:

5 (a) "Authority" or "housing authority" shall mean a  
6 corporate body organized in accordance with the pro-  
7 visions of this article for the purposes, with the powers,  
8 and subject to the restrictions hereinafter set forth.

9 (b) "Mayor" shall mean the chief executive of the  
10 city, whether the official designation of his office be  
11 mayor, city manager or otherwise.

12 (c) "Council" shall mean the chief legislative body  
13 of the city.

14 (d) "Commissioner" shall mean one of the members  
15 of an authority appointed in accordance with the pro-  
16 visions of this article.

17 (e) "Government" shall include the state and federal  
18 governments and any subdivisions, agency or instru-  
19 mentality, corporate or otherwise, of either of them.

20 (f) The "State" shall mean the state of West Virginia.

21 (g) "City" shall mean any incorporated city, town  
22 or village.

23 (h) "Slum clearance" shall include the removal of  
24 housing conditions which shall be considered by the  
25 housing authority of the city in which such conditions

26 exist to be unsanitary or substandard or a menace to  
27 public health.

28 (i) "Low-cost housing" shall include any housing ac-  
29 commodations which are or are to be rented at not in  
30 excess of a maximum rate per room, or maximum aver-  
31 age rate per room, which shall be specified or provided  
32 by the housing authority of the city in which such hous-  
33 ing accommodations are or are to be located, or the Legis-  
34 lature, or a duly constituted agency of the state, or of  
35 the United States of America.

36 (j) "Project" shall include all lands, buildings and  
37 improvements, acquired, owned, leased, managed or  
38 operated by a housing authority, and all buildings and  
39 improvements constructed, reconstructed or repaired by  
40 a housing authority, designed to provide housing ac-  
41 commodations, or stores, offices and community facili-  
42 ties appurtenant thereto, which are planned as a unit,  
43 whether or not acquired or constructed at one time, and  
44 which ordinarily are contiguous or adjacent to one an-  
45 other. The term "project" may also be applied to the  
46 planning of buildings and improvements, the acquisition

47 of property, the demolition of existing structures, the  
48 clearing of land, the construction, reconstruction and  
49 repair of improvements and all other work in connec-  
50 tion therewith.

51 (k) "Community facilities" shall include lands, build-  
52 ings and equipment of recreation or social assembly, for  
53 educational, health or welfare activities and other neces-  
54 sary utilities primarily for use and benefit of the occu-  
55 pants of housing accommodations to be constructed and  
56 operated hereunder.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*William Tompos*

Chairman Senate Committee

*Rayton C. Davidson*

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

*Howard Nye*

Clerk of the Senate

*V. A. Blankenship*

Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Howard Carson*

President of the Senate

*H. Laker White*

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 8

day of March, 1967

*Huett C. Smith*

Governor



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