

immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1949.

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CHAPTER 544

(House Bill 308)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27 of Article 53 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Landlord and Tenant", sub-title "Distress for Rent", relating to rental agreements in Allegany County.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 27 of Article 53 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Landlord and Tenant", sub-title "Distress for Rent", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

27. In all cases of any demise or agreement for rental, express or implied, verbal or written, hereafter to be made of lands or tenements, whether real estate or chattels real, within the State of Maryland, except in Prince George's, Worcester, Wicomico, Howard, Washington, Carroll, Dorchester, Garrett, Charles, Montgomery, Frederick, Caroline, Anne Arundel, St. Mary's, Allegany, and Calvert Counties, for less term than three calendar months, the remedy of distress for rent due be and the same is hereby taken away and altogether superseded. Provided that Sections 28 through 33 shall apply to Baltimore City and all of the counties, except Allegany County, and further provided that in those counties in which Police Officers have the authority to serve civil summons, the said Police Officers may act under said sections in the same capacity as constables.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

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