

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Real Property

8-402.

(b) (1) Where any interest in property shall be leased for any definite term or at will, and the landlord shall desire to repossess the property after the expiration of the term for which it was leased and shall give notice in writing one month before the expiration of the term or determination of [said] THE will to the tenant or to the person actually in possession of the property to remove from the property at the end of the term, and if the tenant or person in actual possession shall refuse to comply [therewith], the landlord may make complaint [thereof] in writing to the District Court of the county where the property is located. The court shall [forthwith] issue its summons to the tenant or person in possession that he [be and] appear on a day stated in the summons before the court to show cause (if any he have) why restitution of the possession of the [said] estate [so] leased should not be [forthwith] made to the landlord. Upon the failure of either of the parties to appear before the court on the day stated in the summons, the court [shall] MAY continue the case to a day not less than six nor more than ten days after [said] THE day [so] first stated and notify the parties of [such] THE continuance.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.

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CHAPTER 225

(Senate Bill 309)

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant - Failure to Pay Rent

FOR the purpose of providing for the procedure where a landlord fails to order a warrant of restitution.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property  
Section 8-401(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)