

(B) IF THE LANDLORD FAILS TO PROVIDE THE TENANT WITH POSSESSION OF THE DWELLING UNIT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM OF ANY LEASE, THE RENT PAYABLE UNDER THE LEASE SHALL ABATE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS POSSESSION IS DELIVERED; AND THE TENANT MAY, UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE LANDLORD, TERMINATE, CANCEL AND RESCIND THE RENTAL AGREEMENT, AND UPON THE TERMINATION, CANCELLATION AND RESCISSION, THE LANDLORD SHALL RETURN ALL MONEY OR PROPERTY GIVEN AS PREPAID RENT, DEPOSIT, OR SECURITY, AND, IN ADDITION, PAY SUCH CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES AS A COURT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

(C) THIS SECTION SHALL ONLY APPLY TO SINGLE OR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS.

SEC. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 5, 1973.

CHAPTER 3

(Executive Order 1)

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 24, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 205A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "8. The Department of Employment and Social Services"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 2(a), 2(c) and 4(b) of Article 70B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Commission on the Aging"; to transfer the Commission on Aging from the Department of Employment and Social Services to the Executive Department of State Government; to remove all references to the State Coordinating Commission on Problems of the Aging and the Commission on Aging as being part of the Department of Employment and Social Services; to modify the procedure for appointing the Commission on the Aging; to repeal a requirement that annual reports of the Commission be sent to the Secretary of Employment and Social Services, and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDERED BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 24, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, That Section 205A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "8. The Department of Employment and Social Services," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: