CHAPTER 742.

(Senate Bill 20)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 753 and 754 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Landlord and Tenant", providing for the granting of certain extensions in the time for the surrender of premises in certain landlord and tenant cases in Baltimore City under certain circumstances.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 753 and 754 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Landlord and Tenant", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

If at the trial on the second day aforesaid, the Justice of the Peace shall be satisfied the interest of justice will be better served by an adjournment to enable either party to procure his necessary witnesses, he may adjourn the trial for a period not exceeding one day, except by consent of all parties, and if at said trial or due adjournment thereof as aforesaid, it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Justice of the Peace before whom said complaint has been made and tried as aforesaid, that the rent or any part of the rent for said premises is actually due and unpaid, then the said Justice of the Peace shall give judgment in favor of said lessor for the amount of rent found due, with costs of suit, and shall order that said tenant and all persons claiming or holding by or under said tenant shall yield and render up possession of said premises unto said lessor, or unto his duly qualified agent or attorney within two days thereafter; provided, however, that upon presentation of a certificate signed by a practicing physician certifying that surrender of said premises within said period of two days would endanger the health or life of any occupant thereof, said Justice of the Peace may, at the trial or subsequent thereto, extend the time for such surrender of the premises upon such terms and for such period or periods as he shall deem necessary and just, but in no event shall the date for such surrender be extended beyond the tenth day after the date of such judgment in favor of said lessor; and provided further, that if the said tenant, or some one for him, shall at said trial or due adjournment thereof as aforesaid, tender the rent