

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved March 29, 1955.

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CHAPTER 176

(Senate Bill 56)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 459 and 460 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition), title "Miscellaneous Local Laws", sub-title "Landlord and Tenant", giving Judges of People's Court discretionary power in rent cases to increase the period of adjournment of a rent trial from three to seven days, to extend time for payment of rent by the tenant to immediately prior to actual execution of warrant of restitution and to pass necessary orders for revesting possession of property in landlord and setting absolute limit of sixty days for lessor to order a warrant of restitution.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 459 and 460 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition), title "Miscellaneous Local Laws", sub-title "Landlord and Tenant", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

459. If, at the trial aforesaid, the Judge shall be satisfied the interest of justice will be better served by an adjournment, he may adjourn the trial for a period not exceeding [three] *seven* days, except by consent of the parties, and if at said trial or due adjournment, as aforesaid, it shall appeal to the satisfaction of the Judge before whom said complaint has been tried as aforesaid, that the rent or any part of the rent for said premises is actually due and unpaid, then the said Judge 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 Judge 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, however, that if the said tenant, or someone for him, shall at said trial or due adjournment thereof as aforesaid, or prior to the date fixed by said Judge for the payment thereof, *or prior to*

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.