

CHAPTER 291

(House Bill 339)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 43 of Article 53 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Landlord and Tenant," subtitle "Tenant's Deposits," to remove the limitation on attorney's fees in suits to recover deposits on leases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 43 of Article 53 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Landlord and Tenant," subtitle "Tenant's Deposits," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

43.

In any suit by a tenant to recover a deposit under this subtitle, where the tenant has successfully established his right to the return of all or part of the deposit, the tenant shall be entitled to recover as damages the amount of the deposit plus court costs including a reasonable attorney's fee [not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount due]. If the court should find that the suit was brought by the tenant without substantial justification, the landlord shall be entitled to recover a reasonable attorney's fee ~~not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount due.~~

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

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CHAPTER 292

(House Bill 362)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 141(a) of Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Banks and Trust Companies," subtitle "Credit Unions," to extend the time for filing a report of the business for the preceding year with the Bank Commissioner to March.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section ~~41(a)~~141(A) of Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Banks and Trust Companies," subtitle "Credit Unions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

141.

(a) Credit unions shall be subject to the supervision of the Bank Commissioner and shall be examined at least annually by him or one of his deputies. The Bank Commissioner may order such additional