

provisions of this sentence that the State's Attorney shall not engage in the private practice of law in any manner whatsoever following January 1, 1975.

(2) The State's Attorney [with the approval of the judge of the Circuit Court for the county,] may appoint a deputy State's attorney [;] WHOSE SALARY SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN \$15,000.00 YEARLY, and he may appoint [such number of] 5 assistant State's attorneys WHOSE SALARIES SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN \$10,000.00 YEARLY, OR FOR THOSE WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE, SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN \$12,000 YEARLY, and SUCH other ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS AND staff personnel as may be [approved] AUTHORIZED by the COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY [Board of County Commissioners from time to time]. All such appointees shall serve at the State's Attorney's pleasure. The salaries and compensation of such persons shall be [as approved] PROVIDED by the COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY [Board of County Commissioners from time to time, except that the salary of the deputy State's Attorney shall not be less than six thousand dollars (\$6000.00) yearly]. The deputy State's attorney and the assistant State's attorneys shall have the same legal powers as the State's Attorney to represent the State before grand juries and in the trial of criminal proceedings.

(3) The [Board of County Commissioners] COUNTY GOVERNMENT shall pay all reasonable expenses for the conduct of the office of State's Attorney.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 455

(Senate Bill 932)

AN ACT to add new Section 8-218 to Article 21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Interim Supplement), "Real Property," title "Landlord and Tenant," subtitle "Miscellaneous Rules," to follow immediately after Section 8-217 thereof, to require certain landlords and tenants to mitigate damages upon the breach of lease, and relating generally to landlord - tenant law.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 8-218 be and it is hereby added to Article 21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Interim Supplement), "Real Property," title "Landlord and Tenant," subtitle "Miscellaneous Rules," to follow immediately after Section 8-217 thereof and to read as follows:

8-218.

(A) IN ANY LEASE OR RENTAL WHERE THERE IS A BREACH OF THE AGREEMENT BY EITHER LANDLORD OR TENANT IN:

(1) FAILING TO SUPPLY POSSESSION OF THE DWELLING UNIT,
OR

(2) FAILING OR REFUSING TO TAKE POSSESSION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM, OR