

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.

CHAPTER 728

(House Bill 879)

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant - Rent Escrow

FOR the purpose of requiring that a tenant's payment of rent be held in escrow in certain situations and providing a remedy if he fails to pay.

BY adding to

Article - Real Property
Section 8-403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 8-403 be and it is hereby added to Article - Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Real Property

8-403.

IF THE DISTRICT COURT IN ANY CASE BROUGHT PURSUANT TO § 8-401 OR § 8-402 ORDERS AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE TRIAL FOR A LONGER PERIOD THAN PROVIDED FOR IN THE SECTION UNDER WHICH THE CASE HAS BEEN INSTITUTED, THE TENANT OR ANYONE HOLDING UNDER HIM SHALL PAY ALL RENTS DUE AND AS THEY COME DUE INTO THE DISTRICT COURT. HOWEVER, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE TENANT TO PAY RENTS DUE AND AS COME DUE INTO AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF ANY COUNTY WHICH IS EMPOWERED BY LOCAL LAW TO HOLD RENTS IN ESCROW PENDING INVESTIGATION AND DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS BY TENANTS; THE COURT ALSO MAY REFER THAT CASE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY FOR INVESTIGATION AND [[DISPOSITION]] REPORT TO THE COURT. A TENANT SHALL PAY INTO THE COURT THE AMOUNT OF RENT DUE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE TO WHICH THE TRIAL IS