

House Bill No. 235 - Baltimore City -
Landlord and Tenant

AN ACT concerning

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FOR the purpose of providing that a court order revesting in the lessor possession of leased residential premises in Baltimore City shall provide for the storage of tenant's personal property, in the absence of the tenant or one claiming under him, in certain storage facilities, at the expense of the tenant; providing for a time limit within which the stored personal property must be claimed by the tenant or one claiming under him; providing for the removal of the goods by the Department of Public Works of Baltimore City; providing that , except when otherwise agreed in writing by the tenant or person claiming or holding by or under the tenant, if the stored personal property is not claimed within the time limit it may be sold to cover the costs of transportation and other charges; and clarifying language.

May 29, 1978

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 235.

This bill provides that, in Baltimore City, a court order to revest in the lessor possession of leased residential premises contain a provision for storage of the tenant's personal property if the tenant has not agreed that, in the event of a repossession order, the tenant either will remove the possessions or be deemed to have abandoned them.

The bill seeks to prevent instances in which, pursuant to a repossession order, a tenant's possessions are placed on the street and, in his absence, stolen. To accomplish this purpose the bill specifies that, if the tenant is absent at the time the order is enforced and if there is no agreement, as outlined above, the constable must place the possessions of the tenant at the nearest available designated public storage facility. The Baltimore City