

into escrow under certain circumstances; to refer cases to administrative agencies for investigation and report; and giving judgment to the landlord and giving possession of the premises to the landlord if there is a failure to pay rent within a certain period.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property
Section 8-403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN THE CASE. 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 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 adjourned or within seven days after adjournment if the trial is adjourned more than seven days, or to the administrative agency within seven days after the Court has ordered the rent paid into an administrative agency. If the tenant fails to pay rent due within this period, or as it comes due, the Court, on motion of the landlord, shall give judgment in favor of the landlord and issue a warrant for possession in accordance with the provisions of § 8-401 (c) and (d).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 639

(House Bill 1421)