SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 19, 1981.

CHAPTER 685

(House Bill 1303)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Tenant's Right to Redeem Leased Premises

the purpose of providing that in an action of summary ejectment a tenant may not under certain circumstances redeem leased premises in Baltimore City after-a certain-number-of-judgments-within-a-certain-period giving-the-landlord-restitution-in-summary-ejectment actions-for-failure-te-pay-rent; providing for the availability of a certain defense for a tenant under certain circumstances; correcting an error in language; and generally relating to a tenant's redemption of leased premises prior to eviction in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City Section 9-5
Article 4 - Public Local Laws of Maryland (1976-Edition-and-1979-Supplement,-as-amended)
(1979 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 4 - Baltimore City

9-5.

(A) If, at the trial aforesaid, the Judge shall be satisfied the interest of justice will be better served by an adjournment, he may adjourn the trial for a period not exceeding seven days, except by consent of the parties, and if at said trial or due adjournment, as aforesaid, it shall [appeal] APPEAR to the satisfaction of the Judge before whom said complaint has been tried as aforesaid, that the rent or