

As passed, Senate Bill 139 amends Sec. 12-601(1)(3) of the Commercial Law Article to provide than an "installment sale agreement" does not include "a bona fide lease where there is no option to purchase the goods and no intent to convey title or ownership of the goods at the termination of the lease." Clearly, the bill relates to excluding from the definition of installment sale agreement, agreements that are purely leasing arrangements and contain no option to purchase. However, the title refers to "excluding certain option contracts under the definition of installment sales agreements." As the reference to the exclusion of "option contracts" cannot reasonably be said to inform the reader that the bill concerns the exclusion of bona fide leases that contain no purchase options from the definition of installment sale agreement and is, in fact, affirmatively misleading, we think that the requirements of Art. III, § 29 are not satisfied.

Should this bill be vetoed and the sponsor wish to reintroduce it at the next session, we would point out that according to the Revisor's note to Sec. 12-601, the definitions in Sec. 11-401 of the Financial Institutions Article are intended to be virtually identical to those in Sec. 12-601. Therefore, consideration should be given to amending both sections.

Very truly yours,
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Senate Bill No. 241

AN ACT concerning

**Mentally-and-Physically-Handicapped Developmentally
Disabled Persons -
Respite Care**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources to develop and implement respite care services programs; defining certain terms; requiring the promulgation of rules and regulations to include certain requirements and provisions; and generally relating to respite care services programs for individuals ~~with-physical-or-mental-disabilities--or~~ handicaps who are developmentally disabled.

BY adding to

Article 88A - Social Services Administration