CHAPTER 237

(House Bill 960)

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant - Receipts

FOR the purpose of requiring landlords throughout the State to give a tenant a certain receipt if-property--is--leased--for any--definite--term--or-at-will under certain circumstances; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property Section 8-205 Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Real Property

8-205.

Unless (A) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, UNLESS the tenant makes payment by check or rents the property for commercial or business purposes, if property is leased for any definite term or at will [in Anne Arundel County], the landlord shall give the tenant a receipt showing payment and the time period which the payment covers. On conviction of violating this section, any person or agent shall forfeit the rent for the period in question.

(B) EXCEPT IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, WHEN THE TENANT MAKES PAYMENT IN PERSON, OTHER THAN BY CHECK, THE LANDLORD OR LANDLORD'S AGENT SHALL GIVE THE TENANT A RECEIPT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved April 29, 1986.