

CHAPTER 766

(Senate Bill 422)

AN ACT concerning

~~Wicomico-County---Private-Service-of-Process---Action-for
Unpaid-Rent-Landlord-and-Tenant---Failure-to-Pay-Rent--
Service-of-Process~~
Wicomico County - Landlord and Tenant - Service of Process

FOR the purpose of ~~allowing--landlords--in-Wicomico-County-to
obtain-personal-service-of-process-in-an--action--against--a
tenant--for--failure--to-pay-rent;--and-generally-relating-to
landlords-and--tenants--in--Wicomico--County~~ authorizing a
summons in certain landlord and tenant actions in *Wicomico
County* to be served on a tenant by any person authorized
under the Maryland Rules to serve process; and generally
relating to service of process in certain landlord and
tenant actions in *Wicomico County*.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Real Property
Section 8-401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property
Section 8-401(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article - Real Property

8-401.

(a) Whenever the tenant under any lease of property, express or implied, verbal or written, shall fail to pay the rent when due and payable, it shall be lawful for the landlord to have again and repossess the premises so rented.

(b) [1] ~~†~~ Whenever any landlord shall desire to repossess any premises to which he is entitled under the provisions of § 8-401(a), he or his duly qualified agent or attorney, shall make his written complaint under oath or affirmation, before the