

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**House Bill No. 590**

AN ACT concerning

**Eminent Domain – Moving and Relocation Expenses**

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum limit on certain payments elected by a person who is displaced from a place of business or farm operation as the result of land acquisition for a program or project undertaken by certain agencies; ~~and~~ requiring adjustments to certain payments to reflect annual changes in the rate of inflation or deflation as indicated by certain statistics; and providing for a certain exception.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 12-205

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

**Article – Real Property**

12-205.

(a) Whenever a program or project undertaken by a displacing agency will result in the displacement of any person, the displacing agency shall make a payment to the displaced person, on proper application as approved by the displacing agency for:

(1) Actual reasonable expenses in moving himself, his family, business, farm operation, or other personal property;

(2) Actual direct loss of tangible personal property as a result of moving or discontinuing a business or farm operation, but not exceeding an amount equal to the reasonable expenses that would have been required to relocate the personal property, as determined by the agency;

(3) Actual reasonable expenses in searching for a replacement business or farm; and

(4) Actual reasonable expenses necessary to reestablish a displaced farm, nonprofit organization, or small business at its new site as determined by the displacing agency, but not to exceed \$10,000.