

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 301

(Senate Bill 717)

AN ACT concerning

Real Property - Abatement of Nuisance - Controlled Dangerous Substances

FOR the purpose of clarifying that under provisions of law that relate to nuisance abatement, an "owner" includes an owner-occupant and a "tenant" does not include the owner of the property; requiring a plaintiff who brings a certain nuisance abatement action to post a certain notice in a conspicuous place on the property on which the nuisance is located within a certain amount of time before the hearing; authorizing the court, after a hearing, to order a tenant who knew or should have known of the existence of certain nuisances to vacate the property within a certain amount of time; clarifying that in certain nuisance abatement actions the court may, after a hearing, grant a judgment of restitution or the possession of rental property to the property owner if certain conditions are met; clarifying that a court may order an owner of certain property to submit for court approval a certain plan of correction in addition to or as part of any injunction, restraining order, or other relief ordered by the court; authorizing the court to impose certain additional sanctions if an owner fails to comply with an order to abate a nuisance; ~~authorizing the court to award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to a prevailing plaintiff in certain nuisance abatement actions;~~ requiring that certain requests for oral arguments be filed within a certain amount of time; requiring that certain oral arguments be heard within a certain amount of time; providing that certain provisions of law are not applicable to certain nuisance abatement actions; repealing certain expedited notice and appeal requirements; and generally relating to the abatement of nuisances based on the manufacture, distribution, or storage of controlled dangerous substances or controlled paraphernalia.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property

Section 14-120

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Real Property

14-120.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.