

current provisions of law relating to drug nuisance property.

Senate Bill 717, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 742.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 742

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