

(4) A numeral in a fraction or a letter shall be at least one-third the height of a numeral that indicates a whole number.

(5) If a new or additional sign is required to comply with this subsection, the supplier of the gasoline shall provide the sign and numerals without cost to the retail service station dealer.

[(e)] (F) A sign required at a service station by this section or any other State or federal law is exempt from the provisions of a local law, ordinance, or regulation for the purpose of determining:

- (1) the total number of signs permitted; and
- (2) the area of signs permitted.

[(f)] (G) Except as provided in subsection [(e)] (F) of this section, signs regulated by this section or other State law or by federal law may be regulated by the local zoning authority and shall be consistent with the local law, ordinance, or regulation governing signs.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

**CHAPTER 309**

**(House Bill 1215)**

AN ACT concerning

**Landlord and Tenant - Rent Escrow Law**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain condition to be satisfied for certain tenants to invoke certain rent escrow remedies; and generally relating to the rent escrow law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property

Section 8-211

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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