Martin O'Malley Governor

Senate Bill 622

AN ACT concerning

Ground Rents - Limitation of Actions - Registry of <u>Properties Subject to</u> Ground Leases

FOR the purpose of authorizing the recordation of a certain ground lease extinguishment certificate under certain circumstances; providing that a ground rent is extinguished if there is no demand or payment for more than a certain number of years of any specific ground rent under-certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to maintain and undate regularly on line registries of landlords and an on-line registry of properties that are subject to ground leases; requiring a landlord ground lease holder to register a ground lease with the Department by submitting a certain registration application form and a certain fee; requiring the Department to register a ground lease under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord ground lease holder to notify the Department of certain information after a ground lease is registered; requiring a landlord ground lease holder to apply to register a ground lease by a certain date; providing for the extinguishment of a ground lease if the ground lease is not registered under certain circumstances; providing for certain considerations and rights if a ground lease is extinguished under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to work with the State Archives for certain purposes regarding ground leases registered under this Act; requiring the Department to credit all fees collected under this Act to a certain fund; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act; requiring the Department to publish a certain notice regarding the registration of ground leases; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the Comptroller of the State to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to a registry of properties subject to ground rents leases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 3–102(a) and 8–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY adding to Article – Real Property