

(a) This section does not apply to:

(1) A grantee action under § 14-109 of this subtitle; [or]

(2) A landlord-tenant action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the District Court; OR

(3) AN ACTION FOR NONPAYMENT OF GROUND RENT UNDER A GROUND LEASE ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS OR WAS USED, INTENDED TO BE USED, OR AUTHORIZED TO BE USED FOR FOUR OR FEWER DWELLING UNITS.

(b) (1) A person who is not in possession of property and claims title and right to possession may bring an action for possession against the person in possession of the property.

(2) Encumbrance of property by a mortgage or deed of trust to secure a debt does not prevent an action under this section by the owner of the property.

(c) When personal jurisdiction is not obtained over the defendant, the plaintiff may obtain a default judgment under the Maryland Rules only on proof of title and right to possession. The judgment shall be in rem for possession of the property. Entry and enforcement of the judgment does not bar further pursuit, in the same or another action, of the plaintiff's claim for mesne profits and damages.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 564 - *Dorchester and Talbot Counties - Unattended Marine Vessel Motor Fuel Retail Service Stations at Marinas—Pilot Program.*