## **CHAPTER 409**

(House Bill 848)

AN ACT concerning

Mortgages and Deeds of Trust - Prepayment of Outstanding Unpaid Indebtedness

FOR the purpose of creating a right on the part of a borrower or obligor to prepay a loan that is secured by a mortgage or deed of trust when the loan contract contains no provision for prepayment of the outstanding unpaid indebtedness; providing for the

FOR the purpose of allowing a borrower to prepay all or part of outstanding unpaid indebtedness under certain purchase money loans at any time under certain circumstances; requiring that a borrower shall receive a refund credit for certain interest under certain circumstances; providing that the refund shall be calculated in a certain manner; providing for the application of this Act; making provisions of this Act severable; defining a certain term certain terms; and generally relating to the prepayment of outstanding unpaid indebtedness in mortgages and deeds of trust under certain loans secured by a first mortgage or deed of trust under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law Section 12–126<del>, 12–922, and 12–1022</del> Annotated Code of Maryland (1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

## **Preamble**

WHEREAS, In Metropolitan Life Insurance Company v. Promenade Towers Mutual Housing Corp., 84 Md. App. 702, 581 A.2d 846 (1990), the Court of Special Appeals held that where a contract of indebtedness does not contain a provision permitting prepayment, that indebtedness may not be prepaid by the borrower without the consent of the lender unless a statute provides otherwise; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly intends to address this issue and create a statutory right on the part of a borrower or obligor to prepay a loan that is secured by a first mortgage or deed of trust when the loan contract contains no provision for prepayment of the outstanding unpaid indebtedness; now, therefore,

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