

of a tenant, under certain circumstances to release a tenant from a certain lease and pay to the tenant certain relocation expenses not to exceed a certain amount; providing that an owner may provide certain information to a tenant in response to a certain request; providing a tenant with a certain action in district court under certain circumstances; providing that certain actions, inaction, or findings may not be construed to have any effect on any civil action or any administrative proceeding brought under certain provision of law; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to eliminating lead risk in housing.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 8–301, 8–303(a), and 8–620
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 8–303(b), 8–308, and 8–611
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 6–801(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 8–215
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Childhood lead poisoning is a major public health threat in Maryland, poisoning over 1,300 children in Maryland as of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Lead poisoning severely and irreversibly impacts the cognitive and physical development of young children; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and the State have endorsed plans to meet the federal strategy to eliminate childhood lead poisoning by 2010; and