

# SENATE BILL 278

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By: **Senator McFadden**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Housing Authority – Continued Occupancy by Family**  
3 **Member on Death of Tenant**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an individual who is the  
5 surviving spouse or other immediate family member of a deceased tenant of  
6 housing assisted under a program administered by the Housing Authority of  
7 Baltimore City and who occupied the premises at the time of the tenant's death  
8 may be considered eligible to enter into a lease for continued occupancy; and  
9 generally relating to the Housing Authority of Baltimore City.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City  
12 Section 9–8  
13 Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
14 (1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

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

17 **Article 4 – Baltimore City**

18 9–8.

19 If a tenant under any demise for the tenant's residential use, **OTHER THAN A**  
20 **TENANT OF HOUSING ASSISTED UNDER A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE**  
21 **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY**, shall die, the surviving spouse, or any

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 member of his immediate family who has occupied the premises with the deceased  
2 tenant at the time of his death shall have the right, upon payment to the landlord of  
3 the agreed rent (including any rent that may be in arrears at the time of tenant's  
4 death) to be substituted as tenant to the same extent as the original tenant.

5 **IF A TENANT OF HOUSING ASSISTED UNDER A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED**  
6 **BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL DIE, THE SURVIVING**  
7 **SPOUSE OR OTHER MEMBER OF THE DECEASED TENANT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY**  
8 **WHO IS AN OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES AT THE TIME OF THE TENANT'S DEATH**  
9 **MAY BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
10 **FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND THE ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY**  
11 **POLICY OF THE HOUSING, IF THE OCCUPANT:**

12 **(1) IS LISTED AS A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER ON THE DECEASED**  
13 **TENANT'S CURRENT LEASING, RECERTIFICATION, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS;**  
14 **AND**

15 **(2) QUALIFIES FOR CONTINUED OCCUPANCY, BASED ON THE**  
16 **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED**  
17 **OCCUPANCY POLICY OF THE HOUSING AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.**

18 If a tenant shall die, the landlord shall have the right to summary ejectment for  
19 nonpayment of rent by making the personal representative of the deceased tenant the  
20 party defendant.

21 If a tenant shall die and no letter shall be issued on his estate to a personal  
22 representative, then the landlord after he shall have filed a statement under oath  
23 setting forth these facts shall have the right to proceed in summary ejectment for  
24 nonpayment of rent by naming the estate of the deceased tenant as the defendant. In  
25 such case the summons shall be served upon the occupant of the premises; and if the  
26 premises be unoccupied, then the summons shall be served upon one of the next of kin  
27 of the deceased tenant, if known. If there be no occupant at the premises or known  
28 next of kin available for service then the summons shall be affixed to the premises.

29 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
30 **October 1, 2007.**