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By: Senator Baker

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Landlord and Tenant - Service of Process

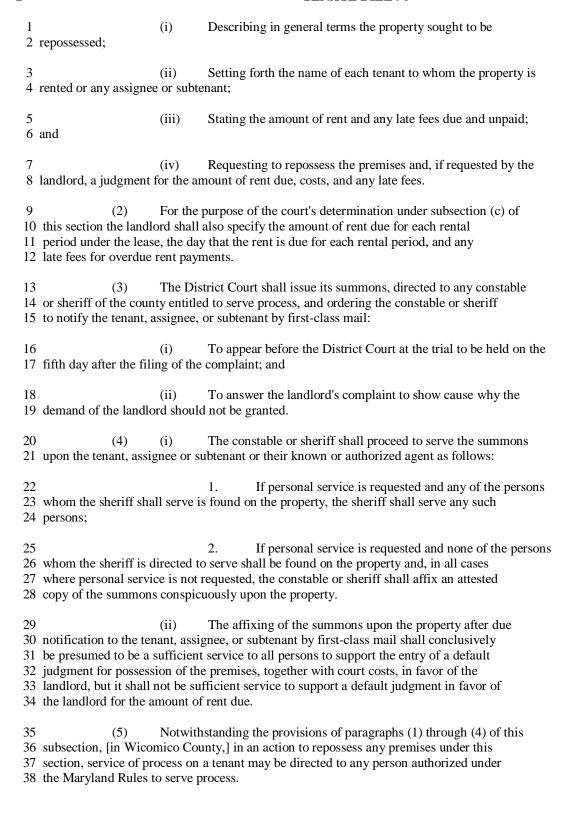
- 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing service of process on a tenant in a certain action to
- 4 repossess premises to be directed to any person authorized under the Maryland
- 5 Rules to serve process; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
- 6 relating to service of process in certain landlord and tenant actions.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 8 Article Real Property
- 9 Section 8-401(a)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 13 Article Real Property
- 14 Section 8-401(b)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 Article - Real Property

20 8-401.

- 21 (a) Whenever the tenant or tenants fail to pay the rent when due and payable,
- 22 it shall be lawful for the landlord to have again and repossess the premises.
- 23 (b) (1) Whenever any landlord shall desire to repossess any premises to
- 24 which the landlord is entitled under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the
- 25 landlord or the landlord's duly qualified agent or attorney shall file the landlord's
- 26 written complaint under oath or affirmation, in the District Court of the county
- 27 wherein the property is situated:

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- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to actions to repossess premises filed on or after the effective date of this Act.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 4 October 1, 2000.