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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 791 (Delegate Krsviak)

Economic Matters

Real Property - Landlord Tenant

This bill requires a court, in an eviction action brought by a landlord for a tenant's failure to pay rent, to enter a judgement in a landlord's favor and to determine the rent and late fees due as of the trial date, if: (1) the trial does not occur when scheduled; (2) the tenant has not become current in rent payments; and (3) the landlord's complaint so requests. The bill requires the determination to include: (1) rent claimed in the complaint; (2) rent accruing after the date the complaint was filed; (3) late fees accruing in or prior to the month in which the complaint was filed; and (4) credit for payments of rent and late fees made after the complaint was filed.

The bill is effective July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's changes could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Judiciary.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In an eviction action brought by a landlord for a tenant's failure to pay rent, a court is required to enter a judgement in a landlord's favor and to determine the amount of rent and late fees due as of the date of judgement, including rent accruing after the complaint was filed and late fees claimed to be due when the complaint was filed, if: (1)

the trial does not occur when scheduled; and (2) the landlord's complaint so requests.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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