

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 815
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in line 6, after “State;” insert “establishing the income eligibility figure that shall be used in Baltimore City;”; in line 7, after “municipality” insert “, except Baltimore City,”; in lines 7 and 8, strike “for certain purposes”; in line 9, strike the first “a” and substitute “the”; in line 12, after “notice;” insert “defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure;”; and in line 16, strike “11-137(n)” and substitute “11-137(a) and (n)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 37, insert:

“(4) “UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES” MEANS THE COST OF MEDICAL EXPENSES NOT OTHERWISE PAID FOR BY INSURANCE OR SOME OTHER THIRD PARTY, INCLUDING MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS, CO-PAYMENTS, AND DEDUCTIBLES; MEDICARE A AND B PREMIUMS; PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS; DENTAL CARE; VISION CARE; AND NURSING CARE PROVIDED AT HOME OR IN A NURSING HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED.”.

On page 5, after line 6, insert:

“(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Annual income” means the total income from all sources, of a designated household, for the income tax year immediately preceding the year in which the notice is given under § 11-102.1 of this title, whether or not included in the definition of gross income for federal or State tax purposes. For purposes of this section, the inclusions and exclusions from annual income are the same as those listed in § 9-104(a)(8) of the Tax - Property Article, “gross income” as that term is

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defined for the property tax credits for homeowners by reason of income and age, but shall not include unreimbursed medical expenses if the tenant provides reasonable evidence of the unreimbursed medical expenses or consents in writing to authorize disclosure of relevant information regarding medical expense reimbursement at the time of applying for an extended lease.

(3) “Designated household” means any of the following households:

(i) A household which includes a senior citizen who has been a member of the household for a period of at least 12 months preceding the giving of the notice required by § 11-102.1 of this title; or

(ii) A household which includes a handicapped citizen who has been a member of the household for a period of at least 12 months preceding the giving of the notice required by § 11-102.1 of this title.

(4) “Handicapped citizen” means a person with a measurable limitation of mobility due to congenital defect, disease, or trauma.

(5) “Household” means only those persons domiciled in the unit at the time the notice required by § 11-102.1 of this title is given.

(6) “Rental facility” means property containing 10 or more dwelling units intended to be leased to persons who occupy the dwellings as their residences.

(7) “Senior citizen” means a person who is at least 62 years old on the date that the notice required by § 11-102.1 of this title is given.

(8) “UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES” MEANS THE COST OF MEDICAL EXPENSES NOT OTHERWISE PAID FOR BY INSURANCE OR SOME OTHER THIRD PARTY, INCLUDING MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS, CO-PAYMENTS, AND DEDUCTIBLES; MEDICARE A AND B PREMIUMS; PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS; DENTAL CARE; VISION CARE; AND NURSING CARE PROVIDED AT HOME OR IN A NURSING HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED.”.

On page 5, in line 11, after “(II)” insert “EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY,”; and after line 18, insert:

“(III) IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE FIGURE SHALL REASONABLY APPROXIMATE 100% OF THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 19, strike “A” and substitute “EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY, A”; in line 22, after “(1)” insert “(II)”; after line 24, insert:

“(3) THE FIGURE PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY FIGURE USED IN BALTIMORE CITY.”;

in line 25, strike “(3)” and substitute “(4)”; and in the same line, strike “IF” and substitute “EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY, IF”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, after line 19, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to any residential rental facility for which the notice to the tenants required under § 11-102.1 of the Real Property Article has not been given on or before March 16, 2006.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 20 and 21 and substitute:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”.