

SENATE BILL 621

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By: **Senators Jennings, Cassilly, Edwards, Peters, Simonaire, and Waugh**
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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Landlord and Tenant – Military Personnel – Limitation on Liability for Rent**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which the liability, for rent under a
4 lease, of a person on active duty with the United States military is limited; limiting
5 the liability for rent of the spouse of a person on active duty with the United States
6 military under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating
7 to the liability for rent of certain military personnel and spouses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Real Property

10 Section 8–212.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2015 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Real Property**

16 8–212.1.

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT” INCLUDES:

18 (1) PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION ORDERS;

19 (2) TEMPORARY DUTY ORDERS FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING 90 DAYS;

20 (3) ORDERS REQUIRING A PERSON TO MOVE INTO QUARTERS
21 LOCATED ON A MILITARY INSTALLATION; AND

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) A RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY, INCLUDING:**

2 **(I) RETIREMENT;**

3 **(II) SEPARATION;**

4 **(III) DISCHARGE; AND**

5 **(IV) DEMOBILIZATION OF AN ACTIVATED RESERVIST OR A**
6 **MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD WHO WAS SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS**
7 **FOR AT LEAST 180 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.**

8 **(B)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if a person who is on active
9 duty with the United States military, **OR THE PERSON'S SPOUSE**, enters into a residential
10 lease of property and **THE PERSON** subsequently receives [permanent change of station
11 orders or temporary duty orders for a period in excess of 3 months] **A CHANGE OF**
12 **ASSIGNMENT, BEFORE OR AFTER OCCUPYING THE PROPERTY**, any liability of the
13 person, **OR THE PERSON'S SPOUSE**, for rent under the lease may not exceed:

14 (1) 30 days' rent after written notice and proof of the **CHANGE OF**
15 assignment is given to the landlord; and

16 (2) The cost of repairing damage to the premises caused by an act or
17 omission of the tenant.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2016.