

Chapter 542

(House Bill 44)

AN ACT concerning

**Residential Property – Ground Lease Registration ~~Form~~ Forms – Contact Information Option**

FOR the purpose of requiring the ground lease registration form required by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include a section that provides the ground lease holder the option to provide certain contact information; requiring the reporting form for changes or corrections required by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include a section that provides the ground lease holder the option to provide certain contact information; and generally relating to the registration of ground leases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Real Property  
Section 8–704  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Real Property**

8–704.

(a) A ground lease holder shall register a ground lease with the Department by submitting:

(1) A registration form that the Department requires; and

(2) The registration fee for each ground lease as provided under subsection ~~(e)~~ **(D)** of this section.

(b) The registration form shall include:

(1) The premise address and tax identification number of the property for which the ground lease was created;

(2) **(I)** The name and address of the ground lease holder; **AND**

**(II) A SECTION THAT PROVIDES THE GROUND LEASE HOLDER THE OPTION TO INCLUDE THE GROUND LEASE HOLDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS;**

- (3) The name and address of the leasehold tenant;
- (4) The name and address of the person to whom the ground rent payment is sent;
- (5) The amount and payment dates of the ground rent installments;
- (6) To the best of the ground lease holder's knowledge, a statement of the range of years in which the ground lease was created; and
- (7) The liber and folio information for the current ground rent deed of record.

**(c) THE REPORTING FORM FOR CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO A GROUND LEASE REGISTRATION SHALL INCLUDE A SECTION THAT PROVIDES THE GROUND LEASE HOLDER THE OPTION TO INCLUDE THE GROUND LEASE HOLDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.**

**(D)** The registration fee for a ground lease per ground lease holder is:

- (1) \$10 for the first ground lease; and
- (2) \$5 for each additional ground lease.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.**