

SB0384/373323/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 384
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 5 down through the semicolon in line 6; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive; and in line 14, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 18 on page 9, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) This section applies only to a tenant who has an application for rental assistance pending with an agency that distributes funds for rental assistance that was submitted before or within 30 days after the tenant’s landlord filed a written complaint under § 8-401(b) of the Real Property Article.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law and subject to subsections (c) and (d) of this section, if a tenant presents evidence satisfactory to the court that the tenant is currently waiting for a determination regarding a good-faith application for rental assistance from an agency that distributes funds for rental assistance, the court shall:

(1) if judgment has not been entered, stay any proceeding until resolution of the tenant's application and disbursement of any funds awarded; or

(2) if judgment has been entered in favor of the landlord and the tenant has the right of redemption, stay the execution of any warrant of restitution or order requiring the tenant to surrender the premises until resolution of the tenant's application and disbursement of any funds awarded.

(c) A stay ordered under subsection (b) of this section may not exceed 35 days.

(d) The court may not stay a proceeding under subsection (b)(1) of this section if the court stayed the proceeding under subsection (b)(2) of this section.”.

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On page 9, in line 23, after “enacted.” insert “It shall remain effective through September 30, 2025, and, at the end of September 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.