

Chapter 629

(Senate Bill 633)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Self-Service Storage Act – Sale of Personal Property in Satisfaction of Liens – Means of Advertising

FOR the purpose of authorizing an operator or a manager of a self-service storage facility to advertise in a certain manner the sale of the personal property in a self-service storage unit to satisfy a certain lien without the occupant's prior written authorization in the storage agreement; altering a certain statement that must be contained in a self-service storage facility rental agreement; and generally relating to self-service storage units.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Commercial Law
 Section 18-503(b)(4) and 18-504(b)(4)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Commercial Law

18-503.

(b) The rental agreement shall contain a statement, in bold type, advising the occupant:

(4) That a sale of personal property stored in the leased space to satisfy the lien if the occupant is in default ~~may~~ **SHALL** be advertised, ~~AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE OPERATOR:~~

- (i) In a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction where the sale is to be held;
- (ii) By electronic mail; or
- (iii) On an online [Web site] **WEBSITE**.

18-504.

(b) (4) [(i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, at] **AT** least 3 days before conducting a sale under this section, the operator shall advertise the time, place, and terms of the sale:

[1.] **(I)** In a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction where the sale is to be held;

[2.] **(II)** By electronic mail; or

[3.] **(III)** On an online [Web site] **WEBSITE**.

[(ii) The operator may not advertise the sale in the manner provided under subparagraph (i)2 or 3 of this paragraph unless the occupant provides the occupant's initials next to the statement in the rental agreement required under § 18–503(b)(4) of this subtitle.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.