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**SB 347**

**Anne Arundel County – Landlord and Tenant – Procedures for Failure to Pay Rent**

Good Afternoon Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity discuss Senate Bill 347, Anne Arundel County – Landlord and Tenant – Procedures for Failure to Pay Rent with you. SB347 is a local bill applying only to Anne Arundel County.

The intent of the bill is to stop the belongings of the person(s) being evicted, being placed outside in the yard or on public property. It requires the landlord, the landlord's agent or attorney, to whenever a judgment is entered in their favor to provide written notice to the tenant 14 days prior to the eviction date as set by the Sheriff. It provides the notice should be mailed by First Class mail and also posted on the door in a conspicuous place. It describes what the notice should contain: the District Court ejection case number, the tenants name, address, date and date of the eviction.

The bill also provides an additional 24 hours before any items left behind are considered abandoned.

I do have a sponsor amendment the Sheriff has requested making some minor changes to wording.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 347 with the amendment.