

SB756 Access to Counsel in Evictions - Funding

Hello Chair Guzzone~

I'm sorry to have to disagree with you making permanent this eviction slush fund - 14 MILLION DOLLARS? - for eviction lawyers.

With the amount of money expended in courts via this bill and others like it, Maryland residents could just line up to have their rent paid. That would be less burdensome and adversarial.

And more to the issue of the eviction process, a great many tenants take horrible advantage of Landlords (review testimony from former Sen. Jim Brochin and other senators).

These stay-overs keep rental prices higher and prevent other reasonable tenants from accessing rental units. These folks who need to be forced out, 6-9 months' rent overdue, bring about law enforcement action to transact what should be a simple operation. They were peacefully given the keys to a property but they bring legal and law enforcement actions when they are forced to exit. These miscreants bring the neighborhoods down.

Please don't carry on with this type of approach to rental difficulties.

Respectfully

~vince

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