



## People On the Go of Maryland

SB 162

Landlord and Tenant - Termination of Residential Lease

Limitation of Liability for Rent

*Limiting a tenant's liability for rent to no more than 2 months' rent after the date on which the tenant vacates a leased premises, if a physician, counselor, therapist, or psychologist completes a form specifying that the tenant has an intellectual or developmental disability or mental disorder, the management of which is substantially limited by the leased premises.*

Position: Support

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Sponsored by Senator Jeff Waldstreicher

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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Honorable Chairperson, and distinguished members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

People On the Go of Maryland (POG) is a statewide self-advocacy organization, ran for and by those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD), and our mission is to promote self advocacy throughout the state.

POG respectfully offers this written testimony in support of SB 162, which would limit a tenant's liability for paying rent on a lease, as specified above, if an individual has been diagnosed with an intellectual, developmental, or other specified disability.

Many members of People On the Go, as well as other citizens throughout the State of Maryland, either have multiple disability diagnoses, or have family members with the same, and who have faced eviction at least once in their lives.

Limiting a tenant's liability for rent, would ease the financial burden on people with disabilities, while they are in process of finding housing that is more suitably accommodating and barrier-free.

Therefore, People On the Go respectfully asks for a favorable report on SB 162. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Should you have any questions. Please contact Mat Rice.

Thank you,

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