

Chapter 685

(House Bill 824)

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant – Eviction Data – Collection and Distribution

FOR the purpose of requiring the Judiciary to collect certain data pertaining to a warrant of restitution or a writ of possession issued in accordance with a certain judgment for possession of residential property; requiring the Judiciary to periodically share eviction data with the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to publish eviction data in a dashboard on the Department’s website; requiring the Department to make eviction data available in a certain format to a State or local agency or an academic institution located in the State; and generally relating to the collection and distribution of eviction data.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 14–133

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Real Property

14–133.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(3) “EVICION DATA” MEANS, FOR EACH WARRANT OF RESTITUTION OR WRIT OF POSSESSION ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A JUDGMENT FOR POSSESSION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ENTERED UNDER TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, §§ 8–401 THROUGH 8–402.2 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR § 14–132 OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(I) THE COUNTY, AND ZIP CODE, ~~AND CENSUS TRACT~~ OF THE SUBJECT PREMISES;

(II) THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THE WARRANT OR WRIT; AND

(III) THE TYPE OF ACTION FROM WHICH THE WARRANT OR WRIT WAS ISSUED.

(B) ~~EVERY 2 WEEKS~~ EACH MONTH, THE JUDICIARY SHALL COLLECT, COMPILE, AND SHARE COMPLETE EVICTION DATA FROM THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ~~2-WEEK PERIOD~~ MONTH WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ORGANIZE AND FORMAT THE DATA RECEIVED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;

(2) PUBLISH THE DATA IN A DATA DASHBOARD ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND UPDATE THE DASHBOARD MONTHLY;

(3) ~~MAKE THE DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST BY A STATE AGENCY OR AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION LOCATED IN THE STATE~~ FOR DOWNLOAD IN OPEN DATA SETS THAT ALLOW AUTOMATED SEARCHING, SPATIAL ANALYSIS, VISUALIZATION, AND PROCESSING; ON REQUEST BY:

(I) A STATE AGENCY;

(II) AN AGENCY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; OR

(III) AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION LOCATED IN THE STATE; AND

(4) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2023, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE EVICTION DATA TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2022~~ January 1, 2023.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.