

SENATE BILL 152

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By: **Senator West**

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2020

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Estates and Trusts – Rule Against Perpetuities**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting a statutory exception to the common-law rule against
4 perpetuities that provides that the rule does not apply to an option of a tenant to
5 purchase all or part of the premises leased by the tenant to an option that is
6 exercisable only during the term of the lease; providing for the application of this
7 Act; and generally relating to the rule against perpetuities.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Estates and Trusts

10 Section 11–102(b)(7)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

16 11–102.

17 (b) Subject to §§ 4–409 of this article and 11–103 of this subtitle, the
18 common-law rule against perpetuities as now recognized in the State is preserved, but the
19 rule does not apply to the following:

20 (7) An option of a tenant to purchase all or part of the premises leased by
21 the tenant **THAT IS EXERCISABLE ONLY DURING THE TERM OF THE LEASE;**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
23 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 application to any option to purchase leased premises granted before the effective date of
2 this Act.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2020.