

# HOUSE BILL 1550

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By: **Delegate Beidle**

Introduced and read first time: February 16, 2017

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Landlord and Tenant – Action for Repossession of Commercial Property –**  
3 **Service of Process**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a certain exception to the general requirements for service of  
5 process on a tenant if the action for repossession involves a commercial property; and  
6 generally relating to service of process in an action for repossession.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Real Property  
9 Section 8–401(b)(5)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Real Property**

15 8–401.

16 (b) (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (4) of this  
17 subsection[, in]:

18 **(I) IN AN ACTION TO REPOSSESS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**  
19 **UNDER THIS SECTION, SERVICE OF PROCESS ON A TENANT MAY BE DIRECTED TO ANY**  
20 **PERSON AUTHORIZED UNDER THE MARYLAND RULES TO SERVE PROCESS; AND**

21 **(II) IN Wicomico County, in an action to repossess any premises**  
22 **under this section, service of process on a tenant may be directed to any person authorized**  
23 **under the Maryland Rules to serve process.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2017.