

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**  
**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Hon. Matthew J. Fader  
Chief Judge

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** House Judiciary Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** Senate Bill 100  
Real Property – Actions to Repossess – Proof of Rental Licensure  
**DATE:** March 16, 2023  
(3/29)  
**POSITION:** Oppose, as drafted

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The Maryland Judiciary opposes Senate Bill 100 as amended, as drafted.

The Judiciary has concerns with the mandatory language in the bill as amended. Page six, lines 3 through 5, require the court to grant one postponement in the event that a party seeks additional evidence related to the asserting in paragraph (1) of the subsection.

The Judiciary should maintain discretion on whether a postponement is warranted in these cases, as it does in every other case. Postponements are generally granted only for good cause shown. The Judiciary respectfully requests this language be amended to the court “may” grant a postponement rather than the court “shall” grant one postponement.

cc. Hon. Shelly Hettleman  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O’Connor