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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Fee for Rental Housing Services – Established**

3 **Ho. Co. 15–21**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a fee on rental housing licenses issued in Howard County
5 for a certain purpose; requiring that the fee be at least a certain amount and paid at
6 a certain time; specifying that the fee is in addition to any other fees required for the
7 issuance or renewal of a rental housing license; authorizing the Howard County
8 Council to set by ordinance the amount of the fee; providing that the fee does not
9 apply to a rental housing license issued to an owner of certain types of housing;
10 authorizing the County Council to specify by ordinance certain eligibility
11 requirements, types of services, and processes for obtaining services; defining a
12 certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to rental
13 housing license fees in Howard County.

14 BY adding to
15 The Public Local Laws of Howard County
16 Section 14.906
17 Article 14 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
18 (1977 Edition and August 2008 Supplement, as amended)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article 14 – Howard County**

4 **14.906.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “EDUCATIONAL SERVICES” MEANS SERVICES
6 DESIGNED TO EDUCATE TENANTS ABOUT RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO
7 THEM UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND
8 ORDINANCES.

9 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RENTAL HOUSING LICENSE ISSUED
10 TO AN OWNER OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF HOUSING:

11 (1) AN ASSISTED LIVING UNIT;

12 (2) A GROUP HOME UNIT; OR

13 (3) A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR BED AND BREAKFAST UNIT.

14 (C) (1) THERE IS A FEE ON RENTAL HOUSING LICENSES ISSUED IN THE
15 COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING LEGAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR
16 TENANTS.

17 (2) THE FEE:

18 (I) SHALL BE AT LEAST \$30, PAID AT THE TIME A RENTAL
19 HOUSING LICENSE IS ISSUED OR RENEWED; AND

20 (II) IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FEES REQUIRED FOR THE
21 ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A RENTAL HOUSING LICENSE.

22 (3) THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY SET BY ORDINANCE THE AMOUNT OF
23 THE FEE.

24 (D) THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY SPECIFY BY ORDINANCE:

1 **(1) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LEGAL AND EDUCATIONAL**
2 **SERVICES FUNDED WITH FEES COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**
3 **SECTION;**

4 **(2) THE TYPES OF LEGAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OFFERED TO**
5 **QUALIFYING TENANTS; AND**

6 **(3) THE PROCESS FOR QUALIFYING TENANTS TO OBTAIN LEGAL AND**
7 **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
9 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
10 application to any rental housing license issued or renewed before the effective date of this
11 Act.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2021.