

Chapter 67

(House Bill 653)

AN ACT concerning

Lawyers – Bar Admission Requirement – Exception for Rent Escrow Proceedings

FOR the purpose of providing an exception to certain requirements to practice law in the State for a person representing a landlord in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland and for a person representing a tenant in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland under certain circumstances; and generally relating to exceptions to the requirements to practice law in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 10–206(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 10–206(b)(1) and (2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

10–206.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, before an individual may practice law in the State, the individual shall:

- (1) be admitted to the Bar; and
- (2) meet any requirement that the Court of Appeals may set by rule.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) a person while representing a landlord in a summary ejectment **OR A RENT ESCROW** proceeding in the District Court of Maryland;

(2) a person while representing a tenant in a summary ejectment **OR A RENT ESCROW** proceeding in the District Court of Maryland if the person is:

(i) a law student practicing in a clinical law program at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association with the in-court supervision of a faculty member; or

(ii) employed by a nonprofit organization receiving grants from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation and:

1. the person has training and experience;
2. the person is supervised by a lawyer; and
3. the supervising lawyer's appearance is entered in the proceeding;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.