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NEWS RELEASE

Governor Signs Frosh/Feldman Condo Conversion Bill

Law Extends Rental Protections to Developmentally Disabled

ANNAPOLIS, MD, May 16, 2006—Legislation by Delegate Brian Feldman and Senator Brian Frosh to protect developmentally disabled renters during a condominium conversion was signed into law by the Governor today. It becomes effective immediately.

“Now, developmentally disabled renters statewide will get a 3-year rental extension after a building converts to condominiums,” said Delegate Brian Feldman, House sponsor of the bill. “In Montgomery County, they qualify for the same lifetime rental extensions that the physically disabled and elderly renters receive.”

“This bill is a much needed fix to Maryland’s condo act,” said Senator Brian Frosh who was the Senate sponsor. “It will help protect affordable housing and make it easier for the developmentally disabled to lead productive, independent lives.”

The Frosh/Feldman legislation came about as a result of the conversion of the Pavilion Apartments in Rockville, where a community of developmentally disabled adults faced eventual eviction because they were not recognized as *disabled* under State law.

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