

MARYLAND COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

INDUSTRY ADVISORY REGULATORY NOTICE



October 16, 2020

REPOSSESSIONS UPDATE: NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY GOVERNOR HOGAN

NOTE: The October 16, 2020 Executive Order (number 20-10-16-01) has been replaced and superseded by the December 17, 2020 Executive Order (number 20-12-17-02)

On October 16, 2020, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan issued executive order number 20-10-16-01 (the "Order") amending and restating the previous executive order issued April 3, 2020, number 20-04-03-01.

Paragraph III of the Order states:

<u>Prohibition on Certain Repossessions</u>. To the extent any statute, rule or regulation of the State of Maryland or any political subdivision would permit a Creditor to repossess any **Chattel Home** by self-help (including, without limitation, CL §§ 9-609, 12-115, 12-624, 12-1021, or 14-2008), such statute, rule, or regulation is hereby suspended until the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded (*emphasis added*).

Licensees must continue to refrain from self-help repossessions of chattel homes (personal property used as a person's residence, including without limitation, mobile homes, trailers, and live-aboard boats); however, self-help repossessions of automobiles and trucks may resume.

The full Order is available on the Governor's website here.

Questions about this advisory may be directed to Cliff Charland, Director of Non-Depository Operations, at clifford.charland@maryland.gov or (410) 230-6167.

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