

Political Notebook

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A bill to aid mobile home residents statewide who face a park closure for redevelopment was also approved by the General Assembly, said state. Sen. James N. Robey, a Democrat who has tried for three years to get similar legislation approved with support from a grass-roots group called People Acting Together in Howard, or PATH. Robey sponsored the Senate bill this year, while the House version was sponsored by Dels. James E. Malone, a Democrat who represents parts of Elkridge and Ellicott City, and Towson's Stephen W. Lafferty, a Democrat who is also a Howard County planning official.

Robey said the final version of the bill would allow residents of mobile home parks with at least 39 units who are facing closure to keep 10 months of lot rental payments to use for relocation expenses. State law already requires that they get one year's notice of a closing.