

---

By: **Senator Giannetti**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2003

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

---

Committee Report: Favorable

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: March 20, 2003

---

CHAPTER 377

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure - Counterfeiting, Forgery, and Credit Card Offenses -**  
3 **Concurrent Jurisdiction of Trial Courts**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that the District Court has jurisdiction that is  
5 concurrent with a circuit court in criminal cases involving counterfeiting,  
6 forgery, and certain credit card crimes under certain circumstances; and  
7 generally relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the District Court and circuit  
8 courts.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
11 Section 4-301(b)(8), (17), and (18) and 4-302(a) and (d)(1)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2002 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
16 Section 4-301(b)(19)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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

1 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2 4-301.

3 (b) Except as provided in § 4-302 of this subtitle, the District Court also has  
4 exclusive original jurisdiction in a criminal case in which a person at least 18 years  
5 old or a corporation is charged with:

6 (8) [Violation of §§ 8-601 through 8-604 of the Criminal Law Article]  
7 FORGERY OR VIOLATION OF TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE,  
8 WHETHER A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR;

9 (17) Violation of § 20-102 of the Transportation Article, whether a felony  
10 or misdemeanor; [or]

11 (18) Violation of § 8-801 of the Criminal Law Article; OR

12 (19) VIOLATION OF TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 2, PART II OF THE CRIMINAL LAW  
13 ARTICLE.

14 4-302.

15 (a) Except as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13),  
16 (14), (15), (16), (17), [and] (18), AND (19) of this subtitle, the District Court does not  
17 have jurisdiction to try a criminal case charging the commission of a felony.

18 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
19 jurisdiction of the District Court is concurrent with that of the circuit court in a  
20 criminal case:

21 (i) In which the penalty may be confinement for 3 years or more or  
22 a fine of \$2,500 or more; or

23 (ii) Which is a felony, as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9),  
24 (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), [and] (18), AND (19) of this subtitle.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
26 effect October 1, 2003.