

# HOUSE BILL 337

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts – Discovery – Examination in Aid of Enforcement of Money Judgment**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a judgment creditor to obtain discovery in aid of  
4 enforcement of a money judgment entered or recorded in a circuit court or in the  
5 District Court by use of a court ordered examination of certain persons under  
6 oath before a judge or examiner; establishing certain timing, notice, and  
7 procedural requirements for court ordered examinations in aid of enforcement of  
8 a money judgment; and generally relating to an examination in aid of  
9 enforcement of a money judgment entered or recorded in a circuit court or in the  
10 District Court.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

13 Section 11–404

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 11-404.

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN EXAMINATION IN AID OF  
3 ENFORCEMENT OF A MONEY JUDGMENT ENTERED OR RECORDED IN A CIRCUIT  
4 COURT OR IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

5 (B) (1) ON REQUEST OF A JUDGMENT CREDITOR FILED NO EARLIER  
6 THAN 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF A MONEY JUDGMENT, THE COURT WHERE THE  
7 JUDGMENT WAS ENTERED OR RECORDED MAY ISSUE AN ORDER REQUIRING THE  
8 APPEARANCE FOR EXAMINATION UNDER OATH BEFORE A JUDGE OR EXAMINER  
9 OF:

10 (I) THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR; OR

11 (II) ANY OTHER PERSON IF THE COURT IS SATISFIED BY  
12 AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER PROOF THAT IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE PERSON HAS  
13 PROPERTY OF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR, IS INDEBTED FOR A SUM CERTAIN TO  
14 THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR, OR HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONCEALMENT,  
15 FRAUDULENT TRANSFER, OR WITHHOLDING OF ANY ASSETS BELONGING TO THE  
16 JUDGMENT DEBTOR.

17 (2) THE ORDER UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION  
18 SHALL:

19 (I) SPECIFY WHEN, WHERE, AND BEFORE WHOM THE  
20 EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD AND THAT FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN  
21 THE PERSON SERVED BEING HELD IN CONTEMPT; AND

22 (II) BE SERVED ON THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR OR OTHER  
23 PERSON IN THE MANNER PROVIDED UNDER THE MARYLAND RULES.

24 (3) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR, THE  
25 JUDGE OR EXAMINER MAY SEQUESTER PERSONS TO BE EXAMINED.

26 (4) UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE COURT FOR GOOD  
27 CAUSE SHOWN, A JUDGMENT CREDITOR MAY NOT EXAMINE THE JUDGMENT  
28 DEBTOR OR OTHER PERSON UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MORE THAN ONCE A  
29 YEAR.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2012.