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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Civil Proceedings - Continuances Agreed to by All Parties 3 FOR the purpose of requiring a court to continue a certain civil proceeding if all parties agree to the continuance, under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to assess 4 5 certain costs and expenses occasioned by a certain continuance in accordance with 6 the Maryland Rules; defining a certain term; and generally relating to continuances of civil proceedings. 7 8 BY adding to 9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings 10 Section 6-412 Annotated Code of Maryland 11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement) 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 14 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings** 15 16 6-412.IN THIS SECTION, "CIVIL PROCEEDING" INCLUDES: 17 (A) **(1)** 18 ANY PART OF A CIVIL ACTION; AND 19 **(2)** ANY PART OF A CIVIL APPELLATE PROCEEDING. 20 (B) ON MOTION OF ANY PARTY, A COURT SHALL CONTINUE A CIVIL 21 PROCEEDING IF ALL PARTIES AGREE TO THE CONTINUANCE.



- 1 (C) When granting a continuance under this section, a court may 2 Assess costs and expenses occasioned by the continuance in accordance 3 With the Maryland Rules.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 5 October 1, 2017.