

SENATE BILL 157

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By: **Senators Brochin, Kelley, Norman, and Ready**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts – Small Claims – Jurisdictional Limit**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum amount in controversy in civil cases over
4 which the District Court and the circuit courts have concurrent jurisdiction;
5 increasing the maximum amount of money over which the District Court has
6 exclusive jurisdiction in a small claim action; increasing the minimum amount in
7 controversy in civil cases in which appeals from the District Court are required to be
8 heard on the record; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating
9 to the jurisdiction of the District Court.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 4–402(d)(1)(i), 4–405, and 12–401(f)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
17 Section 12–401(a)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

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.



