
By: Senator Stone

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court - Jurisdiction - Felonies**

3 FOR the purpose of granting the District Court jurisdiction in a criminal case in which a
4 person or corporation is charged with a certain felony under the Commercial Law
5 Article; providing that the District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit
6 court in a criminal case which is a certain felony; and generally relating to the
7 jurisdiction of the District Court.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 4-301(b) and 4-302(a) and (d)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article - Commercial Law
15 Section 14-1403 and 14-1404
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

21 4-301.

22 (b) Except as provided in § 4-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE, the District Court also has
23 exclusive original jurisdiction in a criminal case in which a person atleast 18 years old or
24 a corporation is charged with:

25 (1) Commission of a common-law or statutory misdemeanor regardless of
26 the amount of money or value of the property involved;

27 (2) Violation of §§ 342 through 344 of Article 27 of the Code, whether a
28 felony or a misdemeanor;

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1 (3) Violation of a county, municipal, or other ordinance, if the violation is
2 not a felony;

3 (4) Criminal violation of a State, county, or municipal rule or regulation, if
4 the violation is not a felony;

5 (5) Doing or omitting to do any act made punishable by a fine,
6 imprisonment, or other penalty as provided by the particular law, ordinance, rule, or
7 regulation defining the violation if the violation is not a felony;

8 (6) Violation of Article 27, § 141 of this Code, whether a felony or a
9 misdemeanor;

10 (7) Violation of Article 27, § 145 of this Code, whether a felony or
11 misdemeanor; [or]

12 (8) Violation of Article 27, § 44 of the Code[.];

13 (9) Violation of Article 48A, § 233 of the Code, whether a felony or a
14 misdemeanor; [or]

15 (10) Violation of § 9-1106 of the Labor and Employment Article; OR

16 (11) VIOLATION OF § 14-1403 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE.

17 4-302.

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

21 (d) The jurisdiction of the District Court is concurrent with that of the circuit
22 court in a criminal case:

23 (1) In which the penalty may be confinement for three years or more or a
24 fine of \$2,500 or more; or

25 (2) Which is a felony, as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9), [and]
26 (10), AND (11) of this subtitle.

27 **Article - Commercial Law**

28 14-1403.

29 A person may not possess, with unlawful or fraudulent intent, any credit card
30 number or other payment device number belonging to another person.

31 14-1404.

32 Any person who violates this title is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to
33 a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
35 October 1, 1996.