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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts - Complaints - Allegation of Monetary Damages**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain complaints do not have to specify the amount
4 of certain damages claimed; requiring that certain complaints contain allegations
5 regarding satisfaction of certain jurisdictional monetary requirements; and generally
6 relating to monetary damage allegations in complaints in certain courts.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 6-410
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 6-410.

16 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A
17 COMPLAINT THAT CONTAINS A CLAIM FOR MONETARY DAMAGES FILED IN
18 ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE IN A CIRCUIT COURT
19 OR THE DISTRICT COURT IS NOT REQUIRED TO SPECIFY THE SUM OF MONETARY
20 DAMAGES SOUGHT.

21 (B) A COMPLAINT FILED IN A CIRCUIT COURT OR IN THE DISTRICT COURT
22 THAT CONTAINS A CLAIM FOR MONETARY DAMAGES SHALL ALLEGE THAT THE
23 AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EXCEEDS OR FALLS WITHIN THE REQUIRED
24 JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 1997.