

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 420 (Delegate Vallario)  
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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**Criminal Procedure - District Court and Circuit Courts - Jurisdiction**

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This enrolled bill eliminates the jurisdiction of the circuit court regarding specified misdemeanor drug cases (Article 27, section 287) unless a defendant demands a jury trial, the case is appealed from a final judgment in the District Court, or the defendant is charged with another offense arising out of the same circumstances within the circuit court's jurisdiction. Under current law, the District Court and the circuit courts have concurrent jurisdiction in these criminal cases.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not materially increase the workload in the District Court.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill would not materially decrease the workload in the circuit courts.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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