
By: **Delegate Vallario**
Rules suspended
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court - Criminal Jurisdiction - New or Amended Charging**
3 **Documents**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying that the District Court has jurisdiction over certain
5 offenses provided that certain amendments are made to a charging document or
6 a certain new charging document is filed; and generally relating to the criminal
7 jurisdiction of the District Court.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 4-302(f)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 4-302.

17 (f) (1) Except as provided in Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Family Law Article
18 AND PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, the District Court does not have
19 jurisdiction of an offense otherwise within the District Court's jurisdiction if a person
20 is charged:

21 (i) With another offense arising out of the same circumstances but
22 not within the District Court's jurisdiction; or

23 (ii) In the circuit court with an offense arising out of the same
24 circumstances and within the concurrent jurisdictions of the District Court and the
25 circuit court described under subsection (d) of this section.

26 (2) In the cases described under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
27 circuit court for the county has exclusive original jurisdiction over all the offenses.

1 (3) THE DISTRICT COURT HAS JURISDICTION OF AN OFFENSE IF THE
2 CHARGING DOCUMENT IS AMENDED OR A NEW CHARGING DOCUMENT IS FILED TO:

3 (I) REMOVE ANY OFFENSE NOT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF
4 THE DISTRICT COURT.

5 (II)

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2000.