

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 356

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 8 and 9, strike “for research activities under certain circumstances”; and in line 10, after “cruelty;” insert “establishing that the District Court has jurisdiction that is concurrent with a circuit court in felony cases involving cruelty to animals;”; and after line 21, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-301(b)(13) and (14) and 4-302(a) and (d)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-301(b)(15)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 17, after “INCLUDING” insert “, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,”; and after line 29, insert:

“Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-301.

(Over)

(b) Except as provided in § 4-302 of this subtitle, the District Court also has exclusive original jurisdiction in a criminal case in which a person at least 18 years old or a corporation is charged with:

(13) Violation of Article 27, § 388A of the Code; [or]

(14) Violation of Title 11, Subtitle 5 of the Financial Institutions Article; OR

(15) VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27, § 59 OF THE CODE, WHETHER FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR.

4-302.

(a) Except as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), [and] (14), AND (15) of this subtitle, the District Court does not have jurisdiction to try a criminal case charging the commission of a felony.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the jurisdiction of the District Court is concurrent with that of the circuit court in a criminal case:

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

(ii) Which is a felony, as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), [and] (14), AND (15) of this subtitle.”.