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By: Chairman, Judiciary Committee (Maryland Judicial Conference)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Civil Proceedings - Size of Jury

- 3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of jurors allowed in a jury trial of a civil
- 4 action; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
- 5 altering the size of a jury in a civil action.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Article Courts and Judicial Proceedings
- 8 Section 8-306
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 13 Article Courts and Judicial Proceedings
- 14 8-306.
- 15 In a civil action in which a jury trial is permitted, the jury shall consist of AT
- 16 LEAST 6 jurors.
- 17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
- 18 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
- 19 any effect on or application to any jury trial begun before the effective date of this Act.
- 20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 21 October 1, 2002.