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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court Jurisdiction - Enforcement of Local Consumer Protection**
3 **Codes**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that the District Court has exclusive original civil
5 jurisdiction in a petition filed by a county or municipality for enforcement of
6 local consumer protection codes for which equitable relief is provided.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 4-401(8)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 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 4-401.

16 Except as provided in § 4-402 of this subtitle, and subject to the venue
17 provisions of Title 6 of this article, the District Court has exclusive original civil
18 jurisdiction in:

19 (8) A petition filed by a county or municipality, including Baltimore City,
20 for enforcement of local health, housing, fire, building, electric, licenses and permits,
21 plumbing, animal control, CONSUMER PROTECTION, and zoning codes for which
22 equitable relief is provided;

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2002.