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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure - Counterfeiting, Forgery, and Credit Card Offenses -**
3 **Concurrent Jurisdiction of Trial Courts**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that the District Court has jurisdiction that is
5 concurrent with a circuit court in criminal cases involving counterfeiting,
6 forgery, and certain credit card crimes under certain circumstances; correcting
7 certain cross-references; and generally relating to the criminal jurisdiction of
8 the District Court and circuit courts.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
11 Section 4-301(b)(8) and (11)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
16 Section 4-302(a) and (d)(1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2 4-301.

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

6 (8) [Violation of Article 27, § 44 of the Code] FORGERY OR VIOLATION OF
7 TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, WHETHER A FELONY OR
8 MISDEMEANOR;

9 (11) Violation of ~~§ 14-1402 OR § 14-1403 of the Commercial Law Article §~~
10 8-214 OR § 8-215 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;

11 4-302.

12 (a) Except as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13),
13 (14), (15), and (16) of this subtitle, the District Court does not have jurisdiction to try
14 a criminal case charging the commission of a felony.

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

18 (i) In which the penalty may be confinement for 3 years or more or
19 a fine of \$2,500 or more; or

20 (ii) Which is a felony, as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9),
21 (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), and (16) of this subtitle.

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