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By: **Senator Green**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure - Counterfeiting, Forgery, and Credit Card Offenses of**  
3 **Orders for Money or Goods - 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~~ of orders for money or goods under  
7 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the  
8 District Court and circuit courts.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
11 Section 4-301(b)(8)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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 §§ 8-601 through 8-604 AND 8-609 of the Criminal Law  
7 Article, WHETHER A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR;

8 4-302.

9 (a) Except as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13),  
10 (14), (15), (16), (17), and (18) of this subtitle, the District Court does not have  
11 jurisdiction to try a criminal case charging the commission of a felony.

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

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

17 (ii) Which is a felony, as provided in § 4-301(b)(2), (6), (7), (8), (9),  
18 (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), and (18) of this subtitle.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2003.