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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court - Jury Demand in Criminal Cases**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the time after which a jury trial may not be demanded by
4 a defendant in a criminal case in the District Court under certain
5 circumstances; requiring a written motion for a demand by a defendant in the
6 District Court for a jury trial in a criminal case; providing for the application of
7 this Act; and generally relating to a demand in the District Court for a jury trial
8 by a defendant in a criminal case under certain circumstances.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
11 Section 4-302(e)(1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

17 4-302.

18 (e) (1) The District Court is deprived of jurisdiction if a defendant is entitled
19 to and demands a jury trial [at any time prior to], BY WRITTEN MOTION, AT LEAST 15
20 DAYS BEFORE trial in the District Court.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
22 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
23 any effect on or application to any criminal offense charged before the effective date of
24 this Act.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2006.