

HOUSE BILL 1430

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By: **Delegate C. Branch**

Introduced and read first time: February 22, 2022

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts – Special Court Dockets – Weapons Crimes**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to establish a special
4 court docket in each of the circuit courts to exclusively hear and decide cases alleging
5 a violation of certain provisions of law relating to weapons and to assign necessary
6 personnel; requiring certain courts to follow certain rules of practice and procedure;
7 and generally relating to special court dockets for weapons crimes.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10 Section 13–103

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 **13–103.**

17 **(A) THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS SHALL:**

18 **(1) ESTABLISH A SPECIAL COURT DOCKET IN EACH OF THE CIRCUIT**
19 **COURTS TO EXCLUSIVELY HEAR AND DECIDE CASES ALLEGING:**

20 **(i) A VIOLATION UNDER TITLE 4 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW**
21 **ARTICLE; OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) A VIOLATION UNDER TITLE 3 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW**
2 **ARTICLE USING A DANGEROUS WEAPON; AND**

3 **(2) ASSIGN PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE**
4 **REQUIREMENTS OF ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

5 **(B) A COURT ASSIGNED A CASE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
6 **SHALL FOLLOW THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO THAT**
7 **COURT.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2022.