

CHAPTER 141

(Senate Bill 549)

AN ACT concerning

Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act

FOR the purpose of clarifying in which court a copy of a foreign judgment may be filed under the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to enforcement of foreign judgments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 11-802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

11-802.

(a) (1) [A] (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A copy of any foreign judgment authenticated in accordance with an act of Congress or statutes of this State may be filed in the office of the clerk of [any court of competent jurisdiction of this State] A CIRCUIT COURT.

(II) IF THE FACE AMOUNT OF THE JUDGMENT IS \$2,500 OR LESS, THE COPY SHALL BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

(2) The clerk shall treat the foreign judgment in the same manner as a judgment of the court in which the foreign judgment is filed.

(b) A filed foreign judgment has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses, and proceedings for reopening, vacating, staying, enforcing, or satisfying as a judgment of the court in which it is filed.