

CHAPTER 275

(House Bill 97)

AN ACT concerning

District Court - Civil Jurisdiction - Dishonored Checks and Other Instruments

FOR the purpose of clarifying that the District Court of Maryland has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in an action for certain damages for a dishonored check or other instrument regardless of the amount in controversy; making stylistic changes; providing that in an action for certain damages for a dishonored check or instrument a defendant is entitled to demand a transfer of the action from the District Court to an appropriate circuit court under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the exclusive original civil jurisdiction of the District Court of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Commercial Law
Section 15-802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 4-401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 4-402(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Commercial Law

15-802.

(a) When a check or other instrument has been dishonored by nonacceptance or nonpayment and has not been paid within 10 days, the holder to whom the check or other instrument was issued or negotiated may send a notice of dishonor to the maker or drawer as provided under this section.