

(A) ASSESSMENT OF INTEREST AGAINST DEFENDANT
CAUSING UNNECESSARY DELAY.

IN AN ACTION FOR BODILY INJURY ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN WHICH A MONEY JUDGMENT IS ENTERED IN FAVOR OF THE PLAINTIFF, THE COURT MAY ASSESS INTEREST AGAINST THE DEFENDANT AT THE RATE OF SIX PERCENT PER ANNUM ON THE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT FROM A TIME NOT EARLIER THAN THE TIME THE ACTION WAS FILED IF IT FINDS THAT THE DEFENDANT CAUSED UNNECESSARY DELAY IN HAVING THE ACTION READY OR SET FOR TRIAL.

(B) DELAY CAUSED BY DEFENDANT'S INSURER OR COUNSEL.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A DELAY CAUSED BY THE DEFENDANT'S INSURER OR COUNSEL IS DEEMED AN UNNECESSARY DELAY CAUSED BY THE DEFENDANT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 26, § 22(A).

SUBTITLE 4. JUDGMENT LIENS.

SEC. 11-401. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) COURT.

"COURT" MEANS A COURT OF LAW OR A COURT OF EQUITY AND INCLUDES THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS, AND THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND.

(C) JUDGMENT.

"JUDGMENT" INCLUDES A DECREE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language. It is introduced to avoid repetition of similar provisions in §11-402. The Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals are included to cover a gap existing in the present statute. This is consistent with Md. Rule 620.