

(D) "CIRCUIT COURT" MEANS THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR A COUNTY, THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BALTIMORE CITY COURT, CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY, CIRCUIT COURT NO. 2 OF BALTIMORE CITY, AND CRIMINAL COURT OF BALTIMORE, OR ANY OF THEM.

(E) "CRIMINAL ACTION", "CRIMINAL CASE", "CRIMINAL CAUSE", OR "CRIMINAL PROCEEDING" INCLUDES A CASE CHARGING VIOLATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAFFIC LAWS AND A CASE CHARGING VIOLATION OF A RULE OR REGULATION IF A CRIMINAL PENALTY MAY BE INCURRED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: The definitions in subsections (a) - (e) are new language added for purposes of clarification and to avoid unnecessary repetition of words.

(F) "FINAL JUDGMENT" MEANS A JUDGMENT, DECREE, SENTENCE, ORDER, DETERMINATION, DECISION, OR OTHER ACTION BY A COURT, INCLUDING AN ORPHANS' COURT, FROM WHICH AN APPEAL, APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL, OR PETITION FOR CERTIORARI MAY BE TAKEN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This definition does not attempt to specify what is an appealable final order. That is left to case law, as at present. The purpose of the definition is merely to substitute the brief phrase "final judgment" for the present "final judgment, decree or determination", or similar language.

SUBTITLE 2. REVIEW OF CASES DOCKETED IN COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS.

SEC. 12-201. CERTIORARI TO COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 12-202 OF THIS TITLE, IN ANY CASE OR PROCEEDING PENDING IN OR DECIDED BY THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS UPON APPEAL FROM A CIRCUIT COURT, ANY PARTY, INCLUDING THE STATE, MAY FILE IN THE COURT OF APPEALS A PETITION FOR CERTIORARI TO REVIEW THE CASE OR PROCEEDING. THE PETITION MAY BE FILED EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS HAS RENDERED A DECISION, BUT NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER ITS MANDATE HAS BEEN ISSUED. IN A CASE OR PROCEEDING DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, THE COURT OF APPEALS ALSO MAY ISSUE THE WRIT OF CERTIORARI ON ITS