passed-by-a-yea-and-nay-vote-supported--by--three-fifths--of all--the--members--elected--to-each-of-the-two-Houses-of-the General-Assembly--the-same-shall-take-effect-from--the--date of-its-passage-

Approved May 27, 1980.

## CHAPTER 798

(House Bill 1683)

AN ACT concerning

Money Judgments - Rate Of Interest

FOR the purpose of providing that the legal rate of interest on certain money judgments shall be at a certain rate.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 11-301(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 11-107 Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

301.

(a) 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 [6] NOT MORE THAN 10 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.

EXCEPT--AS--PROVIDED-IN-SECTION-11-106-OF-THIS-ARTICLE;

11-107.