

June 1, 1982

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 740.

This bill prescribes cases in which attorney's fees, recoverable by law or contract, are not to be included when determining the exclusive original civil jurisdiction of the District Court.

Senate Bill 322, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on June 1, 1982, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 740.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Read and ordered journalized.

House Bill No. 740

AN ACT concerning

District Court - Civil Jurisdiction -
Jurisdictional Amount - Attorney's Fees

FOR the purpose of clarifying that attorney's fees are not part of the amount in controversy or of damages for certain purposes; making stylistic changes; providing for the prospective effect of these provisions; and generally relating to the jurisdiction of the District Court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 4-401, 4-402(d)(1) and (e)(1), 4-405, and
12-401(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

The Speaker put the question: Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?