

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

AN ACT concerning

District Court - Criminal Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of providing that the District Court has criminal jurisdiction to try certain violations relating to credit card misuse; providing that the jurisdiction of the District Court is concurrent with that of the circuit court in bad check cases; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 4-301(b) and 4-302(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-301.

(b) Except as provided in § 4-302, the District Court also has exclusive original jurisdiction in a criminal case in which a person at least 18 years old or a corporation is charged with:

(1) Commission of a common-law or statutory misdemeanor regardless of the amount of money or value of the property involved;

(2) Violation of §§ 342 through 344 of Article 27 of the Code, whether a felony or a misdemeanor;

(3) Violation of a county, municipal, or other ordinance, if the violation is not a felony;

(4) Criminal violation of a State, county, or municipal rule or regulation, if the violation is not a felony;

(5) Doing or omitting to do any act made punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or other penalty as provided by the particular law, ordinance, rule, or regulation defining the violation if the violation is not a felony; [or]

(6) Violation of Article 27, § 141 of this Code, whether a felony or a misdemeanor; OR

(7) VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27, § 145 OF THIS CODE, WHETHER A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR.