

property for violations of the controlled dangerous substances' laws in this State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 297
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 4-401(8)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY-adding-to

~~Article---Courts-and-Judicial-Proceedings
Section-3-1301-through-3-1314-3-1315,-inclusive,-to-be-under
the-new-subtitle-"Subtitle-13---Maryland-Civil-Asset
Forfeiture-Act"
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland
(1984-Replacement-Volume-and-1988-Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That ~~Section(s)---297---of---Article---27-----Crimes---and
Punishments-of-the-Annotated-Code-of-Maryland-be-repealed;~~

SECTION 2. ~~AND-BE-IT-FURTHER--ENACTED,~~ That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-401.

Except as provided in § 4-402 of this subtitle, and subject to the venue provisions of Title 6 of this article, the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in:

(8) Proceedings under §[§] 264 ~~-f-or § 297-}- of Article 27 OR-TITLE-3,-SUBTITLE-13-OF-THIS-ARTICLE OF THE CODE for the forfeiture or return of moneys OR-OTHER-PROPERTY involved in a gambling or controlled dangerous substances seizure THAT-IS AN-APPEAL-FROM-AN-ADMINISTRATIVE-FORFEITURE-OR where the amount involved, excluding any interest and attorney's fees, if attorney's fees are recoverable by law or contract, does not exceed \$5,000 \$10,000;~~