

CHAPTER 649

(House Bill 1210)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Jurisdiction of the District Court – Possession of Credit Card Numbers

FOR the purpose of granting the District Court exclusive original jurisdiction over a person charged with unlawful possession of credit card numbers or other payment device numbers of another with a certain intent; providing that the jurisdiction of the District Court is concurrent with the jurisdiction of the circuit court in these cases; and generally relating to the jurisdiction of the District Court in criminal cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 14–1403

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article – Commercial Law

14–1403.

A person may not possess, with unlawful or fraudulent intent, any credit card number or other payment device number belonging to another person.

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;