

2. APPEALS AS PROVIDED BY LAW FROM A FINAL JUDGEMENT JUDGMENT ENTERED IN THE DISTRICT COURT; OR

3. IS CHARGED WITH ANOTHER OFFENSE ARISING OUT OF THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES BUT NOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT THAT IS WITHIN A CIRCUIT COURT'S JURISDICTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 442

(House Bill 421)

AN ACT concerning

Courts - Evidence - Paid Bills

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a rebuttable presumption~~ providing that, on certain testimony, by a party or certain other persons, a paid bill for goods or services provided is admissible to prove, without the testimony of the provider of the goods or services, that the bill is authentic and the charges of the provider are fair and reasonable; providing a certain exception; providing that this Act applies to civil proceedings in the District Court and certain civil proceedings in a circuit court; providing for certain procedures; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a certain evidentiary presumption concerning paid bills admissibility of certain evidence concerning paid bills to prove certain matters under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 10-105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 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

10-105.

(A) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION IN:

(1) THE DISTRICT COURT OR A CIRCUIT COURT; OR

(2) A CIRCUIT COURT IF: