

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 10-105

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

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(a) The provisions of this section apply to a civil action in:

(1) The District Court; or

(2) A circuit court if:

(i) The case was originally filed in the District Court;

(ii) The case was transferred from the District Court to a circuit court; and

(iii) The] THE amount in controversy in the action in the circuit court does not exceed the amount specified in § 4-401 of this article for that type of action.

(b) (1) (I) Subject to the provisions of this section, A PAID BILL FOR GOODS OR SERVICES IS ADMISSIBLE WITHOUT THE TESTIMONY OF THE PROVIDER OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES AS EVIDENCE OF the authenticity of a THE bill for goods or services provided and the fairness and reasonableness of the charges of the provider of the goods or services ~~may be proved, without the testimony of the provider of the goods or services, by admission into evidence of the paid bill.~~

(II) A FINDER OF FACT MAY ATTACH WHATEVER WEIGHT TO A PAID BILL THAT THE FINDER OF FACT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

(2) The bill shall be admitted on testimony, by the party or any other person with personal knowledge:

(i) Identifying the original bill or an authenticated copy; and

(ii) 1. Identifying the provider of the goods or services;

2. Explaining the circumstances surrounding the receipt of the bill;

3. Describing the goods or services provided;

4. Stating that the goods or services were provided in connection with the event giving rise to the action; and

5. Stating that the bill was paid.