in an action arising from tortious acts or omissions, may not exceed the limits on liability stated in § 5-303(a) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to any claim for damages under § 5–303 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article in a case pending on the effective date of this Act and arising from events occurring on or after July 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 20, 2001.

## CHAPTER 287

(House Bill 952)

AN ACT concerning

## Recordation Tax and State and Local Transfer Taxes - First-Time Maryland Home Buvers

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law regarding recordation and transfer taxes and certain first-time Maryland home buyers to allow a certain affidavit evidencing that a grantee is a first-time Maryland home buyer to be filed by an agent of the grantee; and generally relating to recordation and transfer taxes and first-time Maryland home buyers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property

Section 14-104(c)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Real Property

Section 14-104(c)(6)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 13-203(b) and 13-409

Annotated Code of Maryland