

~~violations~~; within Anne Arundel County; requiring certain notices to the county code enforcement agency and to certain tenants and property owners ~~under certain circumstances before a nuisance abatement action may be brought; requiring that a proceeding under this Act be expedited in a certain manner;~~ providing that a political subdivision may not be subject to certain actions; providing for certain remedies; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the right of community associations, the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County, the County Attorney for Anne Arundel County, and the City Attorney for the City of Annapolis to seek judicial abatement of certain nuisances in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-401(7)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Real Property

Section ~~14-127~~ 14-125.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 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

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:

(7) A petition of injunction filed by:

(i) A tenant in an action under § 8-211 of the Real Property Article or a local rent escrow law; or

(ii) A person who brings an action under § 14-120 OR § 14-125.1 of the Real Property Article;

Article - Real Property

~~14-127.~~ 14-125.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION" MEANS A MARYLAND NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ORGANIZATION THAT:

(I) IS COMPRISED OF AT LEAST 20% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF