

of general jurisdiction, if the amount in controversy exceeds \$2,500, exclusive of prejudgment or postjudgment interest, costs, and attorney's fees if attorney's fees are recoverable by law or contract.

(ii) In the case of a class action, the separate claims of the proposed members of the class may be aggregated to meet the minimum amount in controversy required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(2) In a case under § 4-401(7) or (8) of this subtitle, the plaintiff may elect to file a petition for injunctive relief either in the District Court or the circuit court.

(3) IN A CASE UNDER § 4-401(16) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE PLAINTIFF MAY ELECT TO FILE A CLAIM FOR A REPLACEMENT MOTOR VEHICLE IN EITHER THE DISTRICT COURT OR THE CIRCUIT COURT.

(e) (1) In a civil action in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000, exclusive of attorney's fees if attorney's fees are recoverable by law or contract, a party may demand a jury trial pursuant to the Maryland Rules.

(2) Except in a replevin action, if a party is entitled to and files a timely demand, in accordance with the Maryland Rules, for a jury trial, jurisdiction is transferred forthwith and the record of the proceeding shall be transmitted to the appropriate court. In a replevin action, if a party is entitled to and files a timely demand for a jury trial, the District Court may conduct a hearing on the show cause order prior to issuing the writ, enforce an injunction issued by it in the action, and issue, renew, and receive returns upon the writ of replevin. The action shall be transmitted to the appropriate court only after the writ has been returned, stating that the property sought has been seized or elogned, and the time for filing a notice of intention to defend has expired.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.

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## CHAPTER 615

(Senate Bill 652)

AN ACT concerning

### **Controlled Dangerous Substance Testing for Job Applicants – Preliminary Screenings**

FOR the purpose of exempting certain employers from certain medical laboratory licensing requirements for preemployment substance abuse testing under certain circumstances; authorizing employers who require job applicants to be tested for the use or abuse of a controlled dangerous substance to use certain preliminary screening procedures to test specimens under certain