

(M) IF AN OWNER OF DISTRESSED PROPERTY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF A PROCEEDING INITIATED UNDER THIS SECTION SATISFIES THE LIENS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION BEFORE A COURT VESTS TITLE TO THE DISTRESSED PROPERTY IN THE CITY, THE COURT SHALL DISMISS THE PETITION FILED BY THE CITY UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

~~(m)~~ (N) This section does not affect the authority of the Mayor and City Council to condemn private property for public use under other provisions of law.

### 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:

(15) A proceeding for condemnation and immediate possession of and title to abandoned, blighted, [and] DISTRESSED, AND deteriorated property under authority granted in the Code of Public Local Laws of a county, including Baltimore City, where the estimated value of the property does not exceed \$25,000; and

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 22, 2003.

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## CHAPTER 430

(House Bill 442)

AN ACT concerning

### Natural Resources - Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters - Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters in the State; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study certain policy, administrative, security, and economic issues surrounding the establishment of a State boating license and to make certain recommendations; providing for reimbursement of the expenses of a member of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters in the State.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That: