

CHAPTER 359

(House Bill 325)

AN ACT concerning

District Court Jurisdiction - Enforcement of Local Consumer Protection Codes

FOR the purpose of establishing that the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in a petition filed by a county or municipality for enforcement of local consumer protection codes for which equitable relief is provided.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-401(8)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 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:

(8) A petition filed by a county or municipality, including Baltimore City, for enforcement of local health, housing, fire, building, electric, licenses and permits, plumbing, animal control, CONSUMER PROTECTION, and zoning codes for which equitable relief is provided;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

CHAPTER 360

(House Bill 343)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles - Parking Lot Spaces for Individuals with Disabilities

FOR the purpose of establishing that a person who uses a certain special registration plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield