

attorney at law a fee or other compensation for legal services that produced the [judgment] SETTLEMENT, JUDGMENT, or award.

(c) A lien under this section is subordinate only to:

(1) a prior lien for wages due to an employee of the client for work related to the [judgment] SETTLEMENT, JUDGMENT, or award; or

(2) a lien for taxes that the client owes the State.

(d) An attorney at law may retain property subject to a lien under this section and bring an action for execution under the lien only in accordance with rules that the Court of Appeals adopts.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only to any agreement between an attorney at law and a client of the attorney at law ~~that exists~~ entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

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## CHAPTER 423

### (House Bill 1382)

AN ACT concerning

### **Court Personnel - District Court Bailiffs - ~~Employment Status and Compensation~~**

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring that each District Court bailiff, whether full time or part time, be a permanent employee in the personnel system of the Judicial Branch;~~ requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to review the compensation of District Court bailiffs and report certain findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; ~~providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act;~~ and generally relating to ~~the employment status and~~ requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to review and report to the General Assembly concerning compensation of District Court bailiffs.

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~

~~Section 2-609~~

~~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:~~