

(B) THE RECOVERY OF DAMAGES AND PENALTIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT PRECLUDE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. HOWEVER, THE PAYMENT OF DAMAGES AND PENALTIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT ADMISSIBLE IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDING AS AN ADMISSION OF GUILT OR AS EVIDENCE OF GUILT.

3-1307.

THE PROCEDURES REQUIRED UNDER BY § 3-1303 OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) APPLY ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT A MERCHANT ELECTS TO SEEK RECOVERY OF THE CIVIL PENALTY AVAILABLE UNDER § 3-1302(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) DO NOT OTHERWISE LIMIT A MERCHANT OR OTHER PERSON FROM ELECTING TO PURSUE ANY OTHER CIVIL REMEDY OR CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DAMAGES AGAINST ANY RESPONSIBLE PERSON UNDER THIS SECTION SUBTITLE OR OTHERWISE AS PERMITTED BY LAW.

3-1308.

THE DISTRICT COURT HAS EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION IN AN ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION SUBTITLE IF THE DAMAGES AND CIVIL PENALTY CLAIMED DO NOT EXCEED \$10,000, EXCLUSIVE OF ATTORNEY'S FEES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved May 24, 1991.

CHAPTER 583

(House Bill 701)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Summit Hall Farm Park

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000 ~~\$180,000 \$100,000~~ the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg for the construction of a multipurpose center ~~and swimming pool~~ at the Summit Hall Farm Park, subject to the requirement that the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg provide a matching fund of a certain kind and amount for the same purpose by a certain date and providing generally for the issue and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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