

SENATE BILL 452

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(2lr2001)

ENROLLED BILL

— Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary —

Introduced by **Senator Smith**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Small Claims – Examination in Aid of Enforcement *and Interrogatories in Aid of***
3 ***Execution* – Prohibition ~~on Arrest or Incarceration for Failure to Appear~~**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting ~~an individual from being arrested or incarcerated for failure~~
5 ~~to respond to certain orders to appear in court relating to an examination in aid of~~
6 ~~enforcement of a money judgment entered in a small claim action in the District~~
7 ~~Court~~ the court from ordering the appearance of an individual for an examination in
8 aid of enforcement or ordering an individual to answer interrogatories in aid of
9 execution of a money judgment in District Court; and generally relating to
10 enforcement of certain money judgments.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 11–704
14 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 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

11-704.

~~AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE ARRESTED OR INCARCERATED FOR FAILURE TO
RESPOND TO AN ORDER TO APPEAR IN COURT;~~

~~(1) FOR AN EXAMINATION IN AID OF ENFORCEMENT OF A MONEY
JUDGMENT ENTERED IN A SMALL CLAIM ACTION IN THE DISTRICT COURT; OR~~

~~(2) TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD NOT BE FOUND IN
CONTEMPT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT FOR AN EXAMINATION IN AID OF
ENFORCEMENT OF A MONEY JUDGMENT ENTERED IN A SMALL CLAIM ACTION IN THE
DISTRICT COURT.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to:~~

~~(1) any order to appear for an examination in aid of enforcement of a money
judgment entered in a small claim action in the District Court on or after the effective date
of this Act; and~~

~~(2) any show cause order for contempt for failure to appear in court for an
examination in aid of enforcement of a money judgment entered in a small claim action in
the District Court on or after the effective date of this Act.~~

IN A SMALL CLAIMS ACTION WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT
COURT UNDER § 4-405 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE DISTRICT COURT MAY NOT ORDER:

(1) ORDER THE APPEARANCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL FOR AN
EXAMINATION IN AID OF ENFORCEMENT OF A MONEY JUDGMENT; OR

(2) ORDER AN INDIVIDUAL TO ANSWER INTERROGATORIES IN AID OF
EXECUTION OF A MONEY JUDGMENT.

~~SECTION 2.~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2022.