

HOUSE BILL 458

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By: **Delegate Niemann**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2013

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Personal and Business Documents – Evidence**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain personal and business documents are
4 admissible as evidence and presumed to be authentic if a certain person testifies
5 as to their authenticity in any judicial or administrative proceeding; and
6 generally relating to the admissibility of documents as evidence.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Commercial Law

9 Section 24–101 to be under the new title “Title 24. Authentication of
10 Documents”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Commercial Law**

16 **TITLE 24. AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS.**

17 **24–101.**

18 **THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE AND**
19 **PRESUMED TO BE AUTHENTIC IF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER TESTIFIES TO THEIR**
20 **AUTHENTICITY IN ANY JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING:**

21 **(1) PERSONAL BANK RECORDS;**

22 **(2) BUSINESS BANK RECORDS;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(3) PERSONAL CREDIT CARD REPORTS;**
- 2 **(4) BUSINESS CREDIT CARD REPORTS;**
- 3 **(5) PERSONAL CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS;**
- 4 **(6) BUSINESS CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS;**
- 5 **(7) PERSONAL CREDIT CARD NOTICES; AND**
- 6 **(8) BUSINESS CREDIT CARD NOTICES.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2013.