

# SENATE BILL 989

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

Introduced and read first time: March 16, 2011

Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts – Civil Matters and Jury Trials – Informed Written Consent**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an attorney representing a client in certain civil matters  
4 to demand a jury trial unless the attorney obtains the informed written consent  
5 from the client to waive the client's right to a jury trial; and generally relating  
6 to practice and procedure in civil matters.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9 Section 6–411

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 **6–411.**

16 **IN ANY CIVIL MATTER IN WHICH A PERSON MAY DEMAND A JURY TRIAL**  
17 **UNDER § 4–402 OF THIS ARTICLE, AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE PERSON**  
18 **SHALL DEMAND A JURY TRIAL UNLESS THE ATTORNEY OBTAINS THE INFORMED**  
19 **WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE CLIENT TO WAIVE THE CLIENT'S RIGHT TO A**  
20 **JURY TRIAL.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2011.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

