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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the uniform justice court act, in relation to civil jurisdictional limits

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision a of section 201 of the uniform justice court
2 act, as amended by chapter 685 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 a. The court shall have jurisdiction as set forth in this article and
5 as elsewhere provided by law[, subject, in the case of a city court
6 governed by this act, to the limitations stated in S 2300 (b) (2) (i) of
7 this act]. The phrase "[§3000] \$15,000", whenever it appears herein,
8 shall be taken to mean "[§3000] \$15,000 exclusive of interest and
9 costs"[, except that, in the case of a city court governed by this act
10 whose monetary jurisdiction is, pursuant to S 2300 (b) (2) (i) of this
11 act, below \$3000, it shall be taken to mean such lesser sum as is appli-
12 cable in the particular court, exclusive of interest and costs].

13 S 2. Section 202 of the uniform justice court act, as amended by chap-
14 ter 685 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

15 S 202. Money actions and actions to recover chattels.

16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall have
17 jurisdiction of actions and proceedings for the recovery of money or
18 chattels where the amount sought to be recovered or the value of the
19 property does not exceed [§3000] \$15,000.

20 S 3. Section 1801 of the uniform justice court act, as amended by
21 chapter 76 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

22 S 1801. Small claims defined.

23 The term "small claim" or "small claims" as used in this act shall
24 mean and include any cause of action for money only not in excess of
25 [three] FIVE thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, provided
26 that the defendant either resides, or has an office for the transaction
27 of business or a regular employment, within the municipality where the

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 court is located. However, where a judge of the county court, pursuant
2 to subdivision (g) of section three hundred twenty-five of the civil
3 practice law and rules, transfers a small claim from the town or village
4 court having jurisdiction over the matter to another town or village
5 court within the same county, the court to which it is transferred shall
6 have jurisdiction to determine the claim.

7 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
8 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to
9 actions or proceedings filed on or after such date.