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Introduced by Sen. RANZENHOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the uniform justice court act, in relation to the jurisdiction of justice courts for money actions and actions to recover chattels

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 202 of the uniform justice court act, as amended by chapter 685 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

§ 202. Money actions and actions to recover chattels.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall have jurisdiction of actions and proceedings for the recovery of money or chattels where the amount sought to be recovered or the value of the property does not exceed [~~$3000~~] **$15,000 exclusive of interest and costs**.

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

a. The court shall have jurisdiction as set forth in this article and as elsewhere provided by law, subject, in the case of a city court governed by this act, to the limitations stated in § 2300 (b) (2) (i) of this act. The phrase [~~"$3000"~~] **"$15,000"**, whenever it appears herein, shall be taken to mean "[~~$3000~~] **$15,000** exclusive of interest and costs", except that, in the case of a city court governed by this act whose monetary jurisdiction is, pursuant to § 2300 (b) (2) (i) of this act, below [~~$3000~~] **$15,000**, it shall be taken to mean such lesser sum as is applicable in the particular court, exclusive of interest and costs.

§ 3. Section 208 of the uniform justice court act, as amended by chapter 685 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

§ 208. Counterclaims.

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

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The Court shall have jurisdiction of any counterclaim whose subject matter would be within its jurisdiction if sued upon separately. If a counterclaim for money only in excess of [~~$3000~~] **$15,000** is interposed, the court may entertain it to the extent of [~~$3000~~] **$15,000** but it shall be deemed waived as to the excess above [~~$3000~~] **$15,000**.

§ 4. Section 211 of the uniform justice court act, as amended by chapter 685 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

§ 211. Joinder of causes of action in complaint; effect on jurisdiction.

Where several causes of action are asserted in the complaint, and each of them would be within the jurisdiction of the court if sued upon separately, the court shall have jurisdiction of the action. In such case judgment may be rendered by the court in excess of [~~$3000~~] **$15,000** if such excess result solely because of such joinder.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to actions or proceedings filed on or after such date.