

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 20-005

Introduced by Council Member Wagner

Legislative Day No. 20-008 Date March 10, 2020

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 123-41.1, Self-insurance settlements, of Article I, General Provisions, of Chapter 123, Finance and Taxation, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to amend the name of the title; to provide that all settlements for a tort or liability claim above \$100,000 be reviewed and approved by the County Executive and County Council; and generally relating to settlements of claims.

By the Council: March 10, 2020

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: April 14, 2020

at: 7:15 PM

By Order: *Mylin A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on _____, and concluded on _____.

_____, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Section 123-
2 41.1, Self-insurance settlements, of Article I, General Provisions, of Chapter 123, Finance and
3 Taxation, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted,
4 with amendments, all to read as follows:

5 **CHAPTER 123. Finance and Taxation**

6 **Article I. General Provisions**

7 **§ 123-41.1. [Self-insurance] CLAIM Settlements**

8 ANY PAYMENT OR [Settlement] SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY TORT OR
9 LIABILITY [of any] claim [that requires payment from the county's self-insurance fund] BY
10 THE COUNTY shall be reviewed and approved in the following manner:

11 A. If a settlement is for \$100,000 or less, the County Executive shall review and approve;
12 and

13 B. If a settlement is for over \$100,000, the County Executive and the County Council shall
14 review and approve.

15 C. Neither the County Council nor a Council member shall disclose in public session or at
16 any other time any information related to the settlement of a claim unless the information is part
17 of a public record.

18 D. County Council members shall review the settlement of a claim as specified under
19 Subsection B of this section by meeting with representatives of the County Law Department
20 individually or in groups of no more than 3 members. The County Council shall approve a
21 settlement only by a motion made by a member of the Council in public session and the motion
22 for approval shall not disclose any information related to the settlement amount.

23 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the
24 date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE:

The Council Administrator does hereby certify that seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.

Mylia A. Dixon

Council Administrator

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