

HOUSE BILL 575

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By: **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act – Reports**
3 **of Attorney General – Frequency**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the frequency of the reports required to be submitted by the
5 Attorney General to the General Assembly regarding the status of the recovery of
6 economic damages arising from the closure of the Helen Delich Bentley Port of
7 Baltimore and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and generally relating
8 to reports of the Attorney General under the Maryland Protecting Opportunities and
9 Regional Trade Act.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
12 Section 2(g)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
15 Section 2(g)

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

18 **Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2024**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

20 (g) The Attorney General shall:

21 (1) pursue all available options, including filing actions against the
22 applicable parties, to recover for the State all possible economic damages arising from the
23 closure of the Port and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) beginning July 1, 2024, and [each month] **EVERY 6 MONTHS** thereafter until all available options pursued under item (1) of this subsection are exhausted or resolved, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the status of pursuing and recovering the economic damages.

Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2024

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(g) The Attorney General shall:

(1) pursue all available options, including filing actions against the applicable parties, to recover for the State all possible economic damages arising from the closure of the Port and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and

(2) beginning July 1, 2024, and [each month] **EVERY 6 MONTHS** thereafter until all available options pursued under item (1) of this subsection are exhausted or resolved, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the status of pursuing and recovering the economic damages.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.