
By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Automobile Insurance Fund)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel - Maryland Tort Claims Act - Employees of Maryland**
3 **Automobile Insurance Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying that employees of the Maryland Automobile Insurance
5 Fund are State personnel for purposes of the Maryland Tort Claims Act; and
6 altering a certain definition.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - State Government
9 Section 12-101
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article - State Government**

15 12-101.

16 (a) In this subtitle, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, "State
17 personnel" means:

18 (1) a State employee or official who is paid in whole or in part by the
19 Central Payroll Bureau in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury;

20 (2) an employee or official of the:

21 (i) Maryland Transportation Authority;

22 (ii) Injured Workers' Insurance Fund;

23 (iii) Maryland Stadium Authority;

- 1 (iv) Maryland Environmental Service;
- 2 (v) overseas programs of the University College of the University
3 System of Maryland;
- 4 (vi) Maryland Economic Development Corporation;
- 5 (vii) Maryland Technology Development Corporation; [and]
- 6 (viii) Maryland African American Museum Corporation; AND
- 7 (IX) MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND;
- 8 (3) a person who:
- 9 (i) is a member of a State board, commission, or similar State
10 entity; or
- 11 (ii) 1. is providing a service to or for the State;
- 12 2. is not paid in whole or in part by the State; and
- 13 3. satisfies all other requirements for designation as State
14 personnel as may be set forth in regulations adopted by the Treasurer pursuant to
15 Title 10 of this article;
- 16 (4) an individual who, without compensation, exercises a part of the
17 sovereignty of the State;
- 18 (5) a student enrolled in a State educational institution:
- 19 (i) who is providing services to third parties in the course of
20 participation in an approved clinical training or academic program;
- 21 (ii) who, as determined by the Treasurer, is required to have
22 liability insurance covering claims arising from services to third parties performed by
23 the student in the course of the approved clinical training or academic program;
- 24 (iii) who, as determined by the Treasurer, cannot obtain commercial
25 liability insurance at an affordable cost; and
- 26 (iv) who, as determined by the Treasurer, may be required to
27 contribute to an insurance program for claims arising from services to third parties
28 performed by the student in the course of the approved clinical training or academic
29 program;
- 30 (6) a sheriff or deputy sheriff of a county or Baltimore City;
- 31 (7) an employee of a county who is assigned to a local department of
32 social services, including a Montgomery County employee who carries out State
33 programs administered under Article 88A, § 13A(b) of the Code;

1 (8) a State's Attorney of a county or Baltimore City, or an employee of an
2 office of a State's Attorney;

3 (9) a member of a board of license commissioners of a county or
4 Baltimore City appointed under the provisions of Article 2B of the Code, or an
5 employee of a board of license commissioners;

6 (10) a member of a board of supervisors of elections of a county or
7 Baltimore City, or an employee of a board of supervisors of elections;

8 (11) a judge of a circuit court of a county or Baltimore City, or an employee
9 of a circuit court;

10 (12) a judge of an orphans' court of a county or Baltimore City, or an
11 employee of an orphans' court;

12 (13) to the extent of a nonprofit organization's activities as a third party
13 payee, and to the extent the nonprofit organization has no other insurance for this
14 purpose, a nonprofit organization that has been approved by the Department of
15 Human Resources or its designee to serve as a third party payee for purposes of
16 providing temporary cash assistance, transitional assistance, or child-specific
17 benefits to Family Investment Program recipients; or

18 (14) a student, faculty, or staff member of an institution of higher
19 education who is providing a service under the Family Investment Program in
20 accordance with the provisions of Article 88A, § 47 or § 53 of the Code.

21 (b) In this subtitle, a unit of the State government includes the Montgomery
22 County government to the extent that Montgomery County administers a State
23 program under Article 88A, § 13A(b) of the Code.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
25 effect June 1, 2005.