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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Civil Actions - Limitations on Awards for Noneconomic Damages - Latent**
3 **Diseases or Injuries**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that for purposes of a certain limitation on an award
5 for noneconomic damages, a cause of action for personal injury in a latent
6 disease or latent injury case arises on the earlier of a diagnosis or a
7 manifestation of symptoms of a legally compensable injury or disease; providing
8 for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the applicability of the
9 limitation on noneconomic damages.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 11-108(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
17 Section 11-108(b)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

23 11-108.

24 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (2) (i) "Noneconomic damages" means:

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2006.