

**SB0990/228373/1**

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 990  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “altering” in line 4 down through “term;” in line 13 and substitute “modifying a certain definition of a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP suit); providing that a defendant in a SLAPP suit is not civilly liable under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 14, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5-807(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)”;

and in line 17, strike “5-807” and substitute “5-807(b) and (c)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 2, strike the brackets; in line 7, strike “AND”; in lines 8 and 11, in each instance, strike the bracket; and in line 9, after “inhibit” insert “OR INHIBITS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 17, after “body” insert “OR ANY ISSUE OF PUBLIC CONCERN”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 2 through line 9 on page 4, inclusive.