

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 652

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, strike “proven by the use” and substitute “proved or disproved by evidence”; in line 8, strike “analysis;” and substitute “analysis without certain other proof; clarifying language;”; and in line 10, after “General;” insert “providing that this Act may not be construed to affect the application of certain provisions of the Maryland Lawyers’ Rules of Professional Conduct to a certain contract or prohibit or limit a court from applying those provisions to a certain contract; stating the intent of the General Assembly that a portion of any recovery from certain litigation be allocated in a certain manner to offset certain losses by tobacco farmers in this State;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 36, strike “PROVEN BY USE” and substitute “PROVED OR DISPROVED BY EVIDENCE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 2, insert:

“(3) NOTHING CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION PROHIBITS OR LIMITS THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY TO INTRODUCE ANY OTHER EVIDENCE, OTHERWISE ADMISSIBLE, THAT SUPPORTS OR REBUTS THE EVIDENCE OF STATISTICAL ANALYSIS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, after line 18, insert:

“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to affect the application of Rule 1.5 of the Maryland Lawyers’ Rules of Professional Conduct to the contract, dated March 27, 1996, between the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos and the Attorney

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General of the State of Maryland or to prohibit or limit a court of competent jurisdiction from applying Rule 1.5 to that contract.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that a portion of any recovery that the State may receive in the State's suit against tobacco manufacturers, either through a settlement or judgment by the State or as a result of federal legislation, be allocated to a program to be established to offset any losses suffered by Maryland tobacco farmers, and the Governor is authorized to designate funds for this purpose in the budget bill.”;

and in line 19, strike “5.” and substitute “7.”.