
By: **Senator Bromwell**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Care Foundation - Receipt of Proceeds from**
3 **Tobacco-Related Actions Brought by the State**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Foundation to receive any
5 proceeds deriving from a settlement or a judgment arising out of certain actions
6 brought by the State; and generally relating to the receipt of proceeds by the
7 Maryland Health Care Foundation.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 20-506
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Health - General**

16 20-506.

17 (a) The Foundation shall:

18 (1) Solicit and accept any gift, grant, legacy, or endowment of money,
19 including in-kind services, from the federal government, State government, local
20 government, or any private source in furtherance of the Foundation;

21 (2) RECEIVE ANY PROCEEDS DERIVING FROM A SETTLEMENT OR A
22 JUDGMENT ARISING FROM AN ACTION BROUGHT BY THE STATE AGAINST TOBACCO
23 PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS OR TOBACCO RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS;

24 [(2)] (3) Provide grants to programs that:

25 (i) Promote public awareness of the need to provide more timely
26 and cost-effective care for uninsured Marylanders;

- 1 (ii) Expand access to health care services for uninsured individuals;
2 or
- 3 (iii) Provide or subsidize health insurance coverage for uninsured
4 individuals;
- 5 [(3)] (4) Develop programs for sponsorship by corporate and business
6 organizations or private individuals;
- 7 [(4)] (5) Develop criteria for awarding grants to health care delivery
8 programs, insurance coverage programs, or corporate sponsorship programs;
- 9 [(5)] (6) Develop criteria for prioritizing programs to be supported;
- 10 [(6)] (7) Develop criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of programs
11 receiving grants;
- 12 [(7)] (8) Make, execute, and enter into any contract or other legal
13 instrument;
- 14 [(8)] (9) Receive appropriations as provided in the State budget;
- 15 [(9)] (10) Lease and maintain an office at a place within the State that
16 the Foundation designates;
- 17 [(10)] (11) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of
18 its business;
- 19 [(11)] (12) Take any other action necessary to carry out the purposes of
20 the Foundation; and
- 21 [(12)] (13) Report annually to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of
22 the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on its activities during the
23 preceding year, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of funded programs,
24 together with any recommendations or requests deemed appropriate to further the
25 purposes of the Foundation.
- 26 (b) The Foundation may sue and be sued, but only to enforce contractual or
27 similar agreements with the Foundation.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 June 1, 1998.