
By: **Senator Bromwell**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tobacco Settlement Moneys - Appropriation to the University of Maryland**
3 **Medical System Greenebaum Cancer Center**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to appropriate in the annual operating
5 budget, beginning with a certain fiscal year and through a certain fiscal year, a
6 certain amount of money for the University of Maryland Medical System
7 Greenebaum Cancer Center to be dedicated for cancer research and treatment
8 from funds the State receives annually from the Master Settlement Agreement
9 entered into between the State and the major tobacco manufacturers.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education

12 Section 13-309.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

15 **Preamble**

16 **WHEREAS**, On November 23, 1998, the State of Maryland, along with most of
17 the other states in the nation, entered into a historic settlement agreement with the
18 leading tobacco manufacturers that resulted from a 4-year period involving state
19 claims against the manufacturers based on the fiscal burden that states have
20 undertaken for the treatment of patients under the Medical Assistance Program who
21 suffer from cancer and other tobacco-related health problems; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Over the next 25 years, the states that are party to the
23 agreement will receive over \$206 billion from the tobacco manufacturers. Of that
24 amount, Maryland is scheduled to receive nearly \$4.5 billion in that time frame; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Maryland is poised to become the country's leading premier
26 center for cancer research and treatment, but increased funding is critical if that
27 status is to be maintained and enhanced; and

1 WHEREAS, With the additional moneys for research, better methods for early
2 detection of cancers could be developed, along with less expensive and invasive ways
3 to screen people for cancers in all parts of the State; and

4 WHEREAS, Currently, the University of Maryland Medical System receives
5 no State funds for its Greenebaum Cancer Center; however, the State deserves a
6 major cancer center on a par with those in Houston, Texas and Orlando, Florida, the
7 latter of which receives \$10,000,000 in state funds per year; and

8 WHEREAS, That level of funding would cover many needs that otherwise
9 would not be met in today's managed care health environment, including basic
10 research not covered by grants from the National Institutes of Health or other
11 sources, funds to help attract talented physicians and research scientists,
12 state-of-the-art research and patient care facilities, establishment of a statewide
13 cancer care network, and the creation of a research infrastructure to support
14 promising programs; and

15 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has recognized the need to help build the
16 University of Maryland Medical System and has enacted an important body of law
17 supporting progressive health care; and

18 WHEREAS, However, without continuing State support for cancer center
19 development, the threat of cancer will continue to loom over the citizens of Maryland;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, With the participation of Maryland in the tobacco settlement
22 agreement, there is now an opportunity for the level of funding necessary to move the
23 State into the forefront of cancer research and treatment; and

24 WHEREAS, If the State fails to take advantage of allocating some of the funds
25 that it will receive to enhance cancer research and treatment, it will lose a significant
26 opportunity to invest in and advance the State's public health and economic interests;
27 now, therefore, be it

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

30 **Article - Education**

31 13-309.1.

32 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, BEGINNING WITH FISCAL
33 YEAR 2001 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE IN
34 THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE MEDICAL SYSTEM, TO BE DEDICATED
35 FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT BY THE GREENEBAUM CANCER CENTER
36 OF THE MEDICAL SYSTEM, \$10,000,000 FROM FUNDS THE STATE RECEIVES ANNUALLY
37 FROM THE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE AND TOBACCO
38 PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS ENTERED INTO ON NOVEMBER 23, 1998.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1999.