

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee**
(Departmental - Budget and Management)

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Board of Public Works - Settlements, Judgments, and Counsel Fees -**
3 **Payment Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount the Board of Public Works may authorize
5 certain units of State government to pay for certain settlements, judgments, and
6 counsel fees without review by the Board; and generally relating to the
7 authority of payments for certain settlements, judgments, and counsel fees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - State Government
10 Section 12-501(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - State Government**

16 12-501.

17 (b) The Board of Public Works may delegate to affected units, in consultation
18 with the Attorney General, authority to pay, from the funds of that unit available for
19 the purpose, settlements, judgments, and counsel fees that do not exceed [\$2,000]
20 \$10,000 in a particular case.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
22 effect October 1, 2001.