## HOUSE BILL 575

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# By: Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

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### A BILL ENTITLED

### 1 AN ACT concerning

# Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act – Reports of Attorney General – Frequency

FOR the purpose of altering the frequency of the reports required to be submitted by the
Attorney General to the General Assembly regarding the status of the recovery of
economic damages arising from the closure of the Helen Delich Bentley Port of
Baltimore and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and generally relating
to reports of the Attorney General under the Maryland Protecting Opportunities and
Regional Trade Act.

- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 11 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
- 12 Section 2(g)
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 14 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
- 15 Section 2(g)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
   That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 18Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2024
- 19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:
- 20 (g) The Attorney General shall:

(1) pursue all available options, including filing actions against the
 applicable parties, to recover for the State all possible economic damages arising from the
 closure of the Port and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and

#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (2) beginning July 1, 2024, and [each month] EVERY 6 MONTHS thereafter 2 until all available options pursued under item (1) of this subsection are exhausted or 3 resolved, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State 4 Government Article, on the status of pursuing and recovering the economic damages.

### Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2024

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8 (1) pursue all available options, including filing actions against the 9 applicable parties, to recover for the State all possible economic damages arising from the 10 closure of the Port and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and

11 (2) beginning July 1, 2024, and [each month] EVERY 6 MONTHS thereafter 12 until all available options pursued under item (1) of this subsection are exhausted or 13 resolved, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State 14 Government Article, on the status of pursuing and recovering the economic damages.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July16 1, 2025.

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