Chapter 98

## (Senate Bill 285)

AN ACT concerning

# Attorney General - Collapse of Francis Scott Key Bridge - Reporting Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act - Reports of Attorney General - Frequency

FOR the purpose of altering the frequency with which the Attorney General is required to report to the General Assembly on options for recovering economic damages arising from the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and generally relating to the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge 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 (PORT) Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024 Section 2(g)

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<u>Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024</u> Section 2(g)

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

## Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2024

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 22, 2025.