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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 972

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL"; in line 2, after "Claims" insert "and Litigation"; in line 9, after "Act;" insert "requiring the Attorney General to terminate the contract with the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, dated March 27, 1996, to provide certain legal services to the Attorney General and the State in connection with litigation against the tobacco industry; providing that certain payment be made to the Law Offices for services rendered; specifying that if the Attorney General enters into a contract for subsequent legal services in connection with the litigation, the contract shall be awarded on the basis of a competitive process; making certain provisions of this Act an emergency measure;"; and in line 10, after "certain" insert "litigation,".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 31, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Attorney General of the State of Maryland shall immediately terminate the contract between the Attorney General and the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, dated March 27, 1996, to provide legal services to the Attorney General and the State in connection with litigation against the tobacco industry.

(b) The Attorney General shall comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section by invoking provision number 16 in the contract, which provides that the Attorney General may terminate the contract, and all matters related to it, in whole or part, at any time.

(c) The Attorney General shall compensate the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, on the basis of "quantum meruit", for services rendered under the contract.

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(d) If the Attorney General enters into a contract for subsequent legal services in connection with litigation against the tobacco industry, the contract may only be awarded on the basis of a competitive process.”;

and in line 32, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”; after line 4 insert:

“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”;

in line 5, strike “4.” and substitute “6.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “Section 1 of”.