

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2015, Legislative Day No. 13

Bill No. 55-15

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Mrs. Cathy Bevins, Chair  
By Request of County Executive

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By the County Council, August 3, 2015

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Self Insurance Fund – Local Government Tort Claims Act Amendment

FOR the purpose of increasing the limits of liability under the Local Government Tort Claims

Act as required by Chapter 131 of the Laws of Maryland of 2015; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the limits of liability under the Local Government Tort Claims Act.

By repealing and reenacting, without amendments

Section 10-5-102(b)(2)

Title 10. Finance

Baltimore County Code, 2003

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

By repealing and reenacting with amendments

Section 10-5-102(b)(3)

Title 10. Finance

Baltimore County Code, 2003

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County shall read as follows:

3 Article 10. Finance

4 § 10-5-102.

5 (b)(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection and the limitations of the “Local  
6 Government Tort Claims Act” in the Courts Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Self  
7 Insurance Fund shall:

8 (i) Pay on behalf of the county and the Board of Library Trustees any  
9 sum which the county and the trustees may become legally obligated to pay for liability claims,  
10 including personal injury and property damage; and

11 (ii) Pay on behalf of an employee of the county or the Board of  
12 Library Trustees any sum which the employee may become legally obligated to pay for liability  
13 claims, including personal injury or property damage resulting from tortious acts or omissions  
14 committed by the employee within the scope of employment with the county.

1                                   (3)     The liability of the county may not exceed [~~\$200,000~~] \$400,000  
2 per an individual claim, and [~~\$500,000~~] \$800,000 per total claims that arise from the same  
3 occurrence for damages resulting from tortious acts or omissions of the county government, a  
4 participating governing agency, or an employee.

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having passed by the  
6 affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on October 1, 2015 and  
7 shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have an  
8 effect on or application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.