(2) a defense for any party against a cause of action based on the insurer's failure to provide the notice [under] REQUIRED BY this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

## CHAPTER 132

(Senate Bill 173)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Inclusion of Garrett County Municipalities, Inc.

FOR the purpose of including Garrett County Municipalities, Inc., in Garrett County in the definition of lecal government "local government" for the purposes of the Local Government Tort Claims Act; previding that Garrett County Municipalities, Inc., and its employees may not raise as a defense a certain limitation on liability; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Local Government Tort Claims Act and Garrett County Municipalities, Inc., in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 5–301(d) and 5–303(f) Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

## Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-301.

- (d) "Local government" means:
  - (1) A chartered county established under Article 25A of the Code;