(D) THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CLAIMANT OF ANY SETTLEMENT IS FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE AS TO THE CLAIMANT, AND CONSTITUTES A COMPLETE RELEASE OF ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE ARISING OUT OF THE SAME CAUSE OF ACTION AND AGAINST ITS EMPLOYEE, PROVIDED THAT THE EMPLOYEE WAS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS PUBLIC DUTIES AND WITHOUT MALICE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

5-408.

- (A) AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT CHARGE, DEMAND, RECEIVE, OR COLLECT FEES IN EXCESS OF 25 PERCENT OF ANY JUDGMENT RENDERED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE, OR IN EXCESS OF 20 PERCENT OF ANY AWARD, COMPROMISE, OR SETTLEMENT MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE.
- (B)--ANY-ATTORNEY-WHO-ACTUALLY-RECEIVES-OR--COLLECTS--A FEE-IN-EXCESS-OF-THAT-ALLOWED-BY-THIS-SECTION-SHALL-BE-FINED NOT--MORE-THAN-\$2,000-OR-IMPRISONED-NOT-MORE-THAN-1-YEAR,-OR BOTH-

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- (D) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BUDGET, THE TREASURER SHALL PROVIDE SELF-INSURANCE OR PURCHASED INSURANCE OR A COMBINATION OF SELF-INSURANCE OR PURCHASED INSURANCE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE LIABILITY OF THE STATE AND ITS EMPLOYEES UNDER SUBTITLE 4 OF TITLE 5 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE OF THIS CODE.
- (E) THE LIMITS OF LIABILITY IN SUBSECTION 5-403(B) OF THE COURTS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE TREASURER TO PROVIDE INSURANCE IN ANY AMOUNT PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THIS ARTICLE.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act applies only to causes of action arising on or after July 1, 1982.
- SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

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(Senate Bill 602)

AN ACT concerning