

## CHAPTER 396

(Senate Bill 645)

AN ACT concerning

## Attorney General - Representation in Antitrust Matters

FOR the purpose of permitting the Attorney General to represent, in his discretion, political subdivisions of this State, their employees, officers, and agents in proceedings brought under the federal and State antitrust laws; permitting the Attorney General to render advice relating to the antitrust laws to political subdivisions and their employees, officers, and agents; providing for the reimbursement of the General Fund of the State for the actual costs incurred by the Attorney General in defending political subdivisions in certain court and administrative proceedings; and providing that a political subdivision, its employees, officers, and agents, may select counsel of their choice.

BY adding to

Article 32A - Department of Law  
Section 12J  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

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

## Article 32A - Department of Law

12J.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY REPRESENT AND RENDER ADVICE TO ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, OR AGENTS IN STATE AND FEDERAL ANTITRUST LAW MATTERS, INCLUDING DEFENDING THEM IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING. IN ANY CASE WHERE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTUALLY DEFENDS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN COURT OR IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY REQUIRE THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO REIMBURSE THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE DEFENSE. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO DEPRIVE ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, OR AGENTS OF THE RIGHT TO SELECT COUNSEL OF THEIR OWN CHOICE AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 24, 1983.