

more than forty-eight hours after the occurrence of such crime unless the Board, for good cause shown, finds the delay to have been justified. The Board, upon finding that any claimant or award recipient has not fully cooperated with all law enforcement agencies, may deny or withdraw any award, as the case may be.

(2) An award may not be made unless funds are appropriated and available for the full amount of the award. If a multiyear award is made, the total amount of the award shall be obligated and held for such period of time as is necessary to complete payment in accordance with the provisions of the award. If payment of the award is terminated for any reason subsequent to June 30 of the fiscal year in which the award was made, the remainder of the award shall revert to the general fund.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and shall be applied only to claims filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

CHAPTER 121

(Senate Bill 504)

AN ACT concerning

Tobacco Tax - Contingent Cigarette Tax - Asbestos Removal Fund -
Supplementary Appropriation

FOR the purpose of imposing a supplemental tobacco tax; making the tax contingent on reduction of a certain federal cigarette tax; providing that the rate of the supplemental tax shall be dependent on a certain federal tax rate; providing that the supplemental tax would apply to cigarettes sold or possessed by distributors after a certain date; providing for payment of revenues from the supplemental tax into ~~the General Fund~~ a certain fund in the Department of Agriculture and the Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Fund; establishing an Asbestos Removal Fund as a continuing, nonlapsing fund to be administered by the Interagency Committee on School Construction; providing for grants to county boards of education for the removal of asbestos or other health threatening substances; requiring, subject to certain approval, the adoption of regulations for the application for, and use of, asbestos removal funds; generally relating to a program of asbestos removal; providing for the legislative appropriation of certain