

counsel without consultation with the Secretary. The counsel to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the other assistant attorneys general so employed, shall each perform such legal duties for the Department as the Attorney General may from time to time assign to them, and the Attorney General is hereby authorized to assign to them, and each of them, the performance subject to his discretion and control of any of the duties with respect to said Department required of him by law. All such assistant attorneys general shall be practicing lawyers of the State of Maryland, in good standing, and they shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the State budget. This subsection shall not apply with respect to any agencies or units of government within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the extent that such agencies or units are authorized by law to employ their own legal advisors or counsel.

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IN ADDITION TO THEIR DUTIES UNDER § 4-103(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SHALL ASSIST A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND IN THE FILING OF A COURT SUIT TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT UNDER § 3-1103 OF THE COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARTICLE FOR THE EXPENSE OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE, CONTAINMENT, CLEANUP, AND ABATEMENT OF A SPILL OR DISCHARGE INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Fire Marshal shall report his Department of the Environment shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by July 1, 1989 on the effectiveness of Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act apply only to a traffic accident involving hazardous materials that occurs on or after July 1, 1988.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 27, 1988.

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