CHAPTER 74

(House Bill 701)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County - Claims for Damages - Notice

FOR the purpose of providing that certain notice required to be given when a claim is brought against a local government or its employees shall be given, in Harford County, to the Harford County Attorney.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 5-404 Annotated Code of Maryland (1984 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-404.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an action for unliquidated damages may not be brought against a local government or its employees unless the notice of the claim required by this section is given within 180 days after the injury.
- (b) (1) Except in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, HARFORD COUNTY, and Prince George's County, the notice shall be given in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, by the claimant or the representative of the claimant, to the county commissioner, county council, or corporate authorities of a defendant local government, or:
 - (i) In Baltimore City, to the City Solicitor;
 - (ii) In Howard County, to the County Executive;
- (iii) In Montgomery County, to the County Executive.
- (2) In Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, HARFORD COUNTY, and Prince George's County, the notice shall be given in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, by the claimant