

**SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That amounts received pursuant to Sections 2-201 and 7-217 of the State Finance and Procurement Article may be expended by approved budget amendment.

**SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That funds appropriated by this bill may be transferred among programs in accordance with the procedure provided in Sections 7-205 through 7-212, inclusive, of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

**SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That, except as otherwise provided, amounts received from sources estimated or calculated upon in the budget in excess of the estimates for any special or federal fund appropriations listed in this bill may be made available by approved budget amendment.

**SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That authorization is hereby granted to transfer by budget amendment General Fund amounts for the operations of State office buildings and facilities to the budgets of the various agencies and departments occupying the buildings.

**SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That \$6,500,587 is appropriated in the various agency budgets for tort claims (including motor vehicles) under the provisions of the State Government Article, Title 12, Subtitle 1, the Maryland Tort Claims Act (MTCA). These funds are to be transferred to the State Insurance Trust Fund; these funds, together with funds appropriated in prior budgets for tort claims but unexpended, are the only funds available to make payments under the provisions of the MTCA. Tort claims are limited as follows:

- (A) Tort claims for incidents or occurrences occurring after October 1, 1999, paid from the State Insurance Trust Fund, are limited hereby and by State Treasurer's regulations to payments of no more than \$200,000 to a single claimant for injuries arising from a single incident or occurrence.
- (B) Tort claims for incidents or occurrences occurring after July 1, 1996, and before October 1, 1999, paid from the State Insurance Trust Fund, are limited hereby and by State Treasurer's regulations to payments of no more than \$100,000 to a single claimant for injuries arising from a single incident or occurrence.
- (C) Tort claims for incidents or occurrences resulting in death on or after July 1, 1994, and before July 1, 1996, paid from the State Insurance Trust Fund, are limited hereby and by State Treasurer's regulations to payments of no more than \$75,000 to a single claimant. All other tort claims occurring on or after July 1, 1994, and before July 1, 1996, paid from the State Insurance Trust Fund, are limited hereby and by State Treasurer's regulations to payments of no more than \$50,000 to a single claimant for injuries arising from a single incident or occurrence.
- (D) Tort claims for incidents or occurrences occurring prior to July 1, 1994, paid from the State Insurance Trust Fund, are limited hereby and by State Treasurer's regulations to payments of no more than \$50,000 to a single claimant for injuries arising from a single incident or occurrence.