

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, WITHOUT PROOF OF THE CAUSATION OR THE AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES FOR ANY PARTICULAR PROGRAM RECIPIENT OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL.

(3) NOTHING CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION PROHIBITS OR LIMITS THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY TO INTRODUCE ANY OTHER EVIDENCE, OTHERWISE ADMISSIBLE, THAT SUPPORTS OR REBUTS THE EVIDENCE OF STATISTICAL ANALYSIS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to any case pending or filed on or after the effective date of this Act and may not be applied to any case for which a final judgment has been rendered and for which appeals, if any, have been exhausted before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos and the Attorney General of the State of Maryland agree that the contract between those parties, dated March 27, 1996, is modified to reduce the fee for legal services to 12.5%, and all other provisions of Paragraph 3 of the contract, including the provisions relating to reasonable litigation expenses, as well as other terms of the contract, remain in force and effect.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to affect the application of Rule 1.5 of the Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct to the contract, dated March 27, 1996, between the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos and the Attorney General of the State of Maryland or to prohibit or limit a court of competent jurisdiction from applying Rule 1.5 to that contract.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that a portion of any recovery that the State may receive in the State's suit against tobacco manufacturers, either through a settlement or judgment by the State or as a result of federal legislation, be allocated to a program to be established to offset any losses suffered by Maryland tobacco farmers, and the Governor is authorized to designate funds for this purpose in the budget bill.

SECTION 4. ~~5.~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.