

# SENATE BILL 285

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**

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Assigned to: Finance

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Read second time: February 2, 2025

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Attorney General – Collapse of Francis Scott Key Bridge – Reporting~~  
3 Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act – Reports  
4 of Attorney General – Frequency

5 FOR the purpose of altering the frequency ~~with which the Attorney General is required to~~  
6 ~~report to the General Assembly on options for recovering economic damages arising~~  
7 ~~from the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and generally relating to the~~  
8 ~~collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge~~ of the reports required to be submitted by  
9 the Attorney General to the General Assembly regarding the status of the recovery  
10 of economic damages arising from the closure of the Helen Delich Bentley Port of  
11 Baltimore and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and generally relating  
12 to reports of the Attorney General under the Maryland Protecting Opportunities and  
13 Regional Trade (PORT) Act.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024  
16 Section 2(g)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024  
19 Section 2(g)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



**Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2024**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(g) The Attorney General shall:

(1) pursue all available options, including filing actions against the applicable parties, to recover for the State all possible economic damages arising from the closure of the Port and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and

(2) beginning July 1, 2024, and [each month] **EVERY 6 MONTHS** thereafter until all available options pursued under item (1) of this subsection are exhausted or resolved, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the status of pursuing and recovering the economic damages.

**Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2024**

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.