

# SENATE BILL 285

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

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Attorney General – Collapse of Francis Scott Key Bridge – Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the frequency with which the Attorney General is required to  
4 report to the General Assembly on options for recovering economic damages arising  
5 from the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; and generally relating to the  
6 collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024  
9 Section 2(g)

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

12 **Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2024**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

14 (g) The Attorney General shall:

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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