

Chapter 183 of the Acts of 2001

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] 6 YEARS and, at the end of June 30, [2002] 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

CHAPTER 422

(House Bill 1381)

AN ACT concerning

Attorney's Lien - Settlements

FOR the purpose of providing that an attorney has a lien on certain settlements that extends to certain attorney's fees and compensation under certain circumstances; providing for the priority, with certain exceptions, of an attorney's lien; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an attorney's lien for attorney's fees and compensation under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 10-501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

10-501.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, an attorney at law has a lien on:

(1) [an] A CAUSE OF action or proceeding of a client of the attorney at law from the time the CAUSE OF action ARISES or THE proceeding begins; and

(2) a [judgment] SETTLEMENT, JUDGMENT, or award that a client receives as a result of legal services that the attorney at law performs.

(b) A lien under this section attaches only if, and to the extent that, under a specific agreement between an attorney at law and a client, the client owes the