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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Bill No. 32 -2025

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Emergency Appropriation – Risk Management Self-Insurance Fund - \$500,000

Title: AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025 to provide additional spending authority in the Risk Management Self-Insurance fund due to unanticipated and high value claims; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2025. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2025.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2025 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments ____, Failed ____.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ____ day of _____, 2025 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2025

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

WHEREAS, Council Bill No. 27-2024 (CB27) is the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2025 and contains the capital and operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, unanticipated and high value claims have increased costs above the appropriation level anticipated in the development of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, these cost increases have resulted in an insufficient amount of available spending authority for the processing of claim payments; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025 budget needs to be amended to increase the spending authority to cover these claims in order to continue delivery of these essential County services during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the funding source to cover these unanticipated one-time expenses is the use of prior year fund balance in the amount of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, this Emergency Bill is necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the following emergency appropriation of the Risk Management Self-Insurance fund is authorized and approved for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, as shown below:

Department of County Administration

6040020000 – Risk Management Self-Insurance Fund

Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation before transfer	\$1,269,250
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Plus Additional Appropriation	\$500,000
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Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation after transfer	\$1,769,250
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Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that the Risk Management Self-Insurance fund total for Fiscal Year 2025 is amended to be \$14,101,955 and, in the current expense budget attached to Council Bill No. 27-2024 or incorporated by reference, all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures shall be adjusted, as needed, to accommodate this Act.

Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that this Act is adopted as an emergency measure to address an immediate public emergency affecting life, health or property and having been passed by two-thirds of its members, this Act shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.