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SECRETARY'S  
ACTION AGENDA  
November 5, 2025



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13. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**  
***General Miscellaneous***

**Recommendation:** The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, through the Office of the Attorney General, requests approval of payment to resolve all claims, including claims for attorneys' fees and costs, in the matters of *Samuel Smalls v. William Bailey, et al.*, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, No. 24-7010, and *Samuel Smalls v. William Bailey, et al.*, United States District Court for the District of Maryland, No. 1:23-cv-00723.

**Authority:** Sections 12-404 and 12-501, State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland

**Request Amount:** \$185,000

**Fund Source:** 100% General Funds

**Appropriation Codes:** Q00A0101

**Requesting Agency's Remarks:** The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Office of the Attorney General recommend paying \$185,000 to settle all claims, including attorneys' fees and costs, in the lawsuit and appeal as in the best interest of the State.

If this settlement is approved, a check should be issued payable to "Samuel Smalls and Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center" in the amount of \$185,000. The check should be delivered to Samantha N. Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, 200 St. Paul Place, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, who will deliver it to plaintiff's counsel and ensure that all of the necessary documentation and releases are complete.

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THIS ITEM WAS:

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

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