

nected with, directly or indirectly, any contract or bid for furnishing materials, supplies or equipment to any of the using authorities. Neither shall the Director or any employee of the Department accept or receive from any person to whom any contract may be awarded, directly or indirectly, by rebate, gift or otherwise, any money or things of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward or compensation for any such party. If the Director or any employee of the Department shall violate any provision of this section, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

All contracts for printing for the State or for any using authority, including the General Assembly of Maryland, with the exception of records and briefs for the State Law Department, and the printing of the Maryland Reports authorized in Article 80 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Reporter and Codifier—State", shall be made through or with the approval of the Director.

On or before September 1st prior to the reconvening of each session of the General Assembly, the Director shall obtain from the President and Secretary of the Senate, and from the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates, estimates of materials, supplies and equipment needed during the session; and the Director shall contract for the purchase of such supplies and equipment, including all printing needed by the General Assembly.

It shall be the duty of the Director to report his action in regard to materials, supplies and equipment for the General Assembly to the presiding officer of each House on the first day of session.

1939, ch. 64, sec. 25.

25. In purchasing materials, supplies and equipment for the using authorities, the Director shall give a preference to products manufactured or produced in Maryland, except when in the judgment of the Director such purchases would operate to the disadvantage of the State.

1939, ch. 64, sec. 26.

26. The Director shall prepare such reports and make such studies and perform such other duties as the Governor may direct, and shall furnish to the using authorities copies of awards for any and all materials, supplies and equipment requisitioned by them.¹

¹ Secs. 7 and 8 of ch. 64, 1939, reads as follows:

"SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

"SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of any Public General or Public Local Laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency."