

be feasible, except that no additional equipment for industries now in operation in the producing institutions other than necessary replacements shall be installed in said producing institutions for manufacture of any products which said producing institutions are equipped to produce on the date on which this Act shall become effective; all of said Consuming Institutions are hereby required to purchase their requirements of the same from the Board of Welfare exclusively except products such as the Board of Welfare shall in writing notify the State Purchasing Bureau cannot be furnished by the penal or reformatory institutions of the State, or such as their perishable nature may render impracticable for such institutions to furnish; provided, however, that this requirement to purchase their said needs of the Board of Welfare shall not apply to any State-aided, managed or controlled public or semi-public institution which does not receive at least fifty per cent of the funds for its upkeep (exclusive of receipts from its patrons) from the State of Maryland and/or some political sub-division or sub-divisions thereof. It shall be the duty of such Board of Welfare in the exercise of the powers hereinbefore contained to diversify its industries in such a manner as to not work a hardship on any one particular free industry.

(4) The Board of Welfare is hereby authorized and empowered to publish and distribute to the State Purchasing Bureau a schedule of prices for the purchase of all such products, provided that such prices shall not exceed the wholesale market (or equivalent) rates for similar products manufactured, produced, or mined elsewhere in the State of Maryland. The Board of Welfare is also authorized and empowered to consult and cooperate with the State Purchasing Bureau and the representatives of such consuming institutions, in establishing certain standards of production, and shall with such Bureau and representatives determine the style, design and quality of the products of the producing institutions. Any difference of opinion on prices, standards, styles, design, and quality of such product or products which may arise between the Board and a representative of such Purchasing Bureau or of any particular consuming institution, agency or sub-division of the State shall be forthwith submitted for immediate arbitration to a representative of the Board, a representative of the Purchasing Bureau and a representative of the State Comptroller or to a representative of the Board, of the particular consuming institution or agency or sub-division and of the State Comptroller as the case may be, whose joint determination shall be final and conclusive.

(5) The said Board shall have power and authority: (a) To place prisoners at labor upon State works whenever in the