

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.

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.

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.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That five new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Suppl.) title "Public Works—Board of", said new sections to be known as Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and to read as follows:

1. The Board of Public Works, as constituted under Article XII of the Constitution, and Section 94 of Article 41 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, shall have and exercise such powers and duties as may be delegated to it from time to time in regard to the creation of State debt, the fixing