laws, or parts of laws, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved May 6, 1949.

CHAPTER 766

(House Bill 732)

AN ACT to add a new section to the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (Smith's 1948 Edition), to be under a new sub-title to be known as "Purchasing Department", under the title "County Commissioners", said new section to be known as Section 58B, to follow immediately after Section 58A thereof, to establish a Purchasing Department of Baltimore County and to authorize the County Commissioners of Baltimore County to adopt appropriate rules and regulations for its operation.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland. That a new section be added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (Smith's 1948 Edition), to be under a new sub-title to be known as "Purchasing Department", under the title "County Commissioners", said new section to be known as Section 58B, to follow immediately after Section 58A thereof, and to read as follows:

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

58B. The County Commissioners of Baltimore County are hereby authorized to establish and maintain a Purchasing Department, the head of which shall be the County Purchasing Agent, who shall be appointed by the County Commissioners. He shall direct the operations of the Purchasing Department and perform, subject to the authority of the County Commissioners, such duties and exercise such powers as may be from time to time imposed on and conferred upon said Department by the County Commissioners.

Materials and supplies of every kind, character and description, including stationery and printed matter needed and used by the various departments, boards and bureaus of Baltimore County shall be purchased by or through the Purchasing De-

partment.