

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 7, 8 and 9 be and they hereby are added to Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Conflicts of Interest," and to follow immediately after Section 6 thereof, to read as follows:

7.

From and after the effective date of this Act, every written contract binding or purporting to bind the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, to pay a sum of money in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in any one fiscal year for the purpose for which such contract is made shall contain the following provision: "No employee of the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this contract, shall, while such employee, become or be an employee of the party or parties hereby contracting with the said State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof." In the event that such contract does not contain the foregoing provision, the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, shall not be liable thereon.

8.

It shall be unlawful for any employee of the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of any contract binding or purporting to bind the State of Maryland, by or through any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, to become or be, while such employee, an employee of the party or parties contracting as aforesaid with the State of Maryland, by or through the particular State department, commission, agency, or branch thereof in which the said person is employed. For the purpose of this section, the word "contract" means any contract binding or purporting to bind the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, to pay a sum of money in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose for which said contract is made.

9.

Any person who violates the provisions of Section 8 of this Article shall, upon conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in a sum not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or shall be imprisoned in the Maryland House of Correction for a period of not more than two years, or both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.