SEC. 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF ANY WORD, PHRASE, PROVISION, OR PORTION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE HELD IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID, THE UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OR INVALIDITY SHALL APPLY ONLY TO SUCH WORD, PHRASE, PROVISION, OR PORTION, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.

SEC. 9 10. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

## CHAPTER 653

(House Bill 589)

AN ACT to waive the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 1964, said section relating to the time by which projects contained in the General Construction Loan of 1964 must be placed under contract, insofar as the provisions of said section relate to an item contained in said Act for Frostburg State College and relating to Equipment for new Science Building; and to extend for two years, the period during which the said item may be placed under contract.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the provisions of Section 9 of Chaper 159 of the Acts of 1964, be and they are hereby waived insofar as they impose a time for placing under contract an item, Section 5 (N) (2), in said Chapter 159 and found on page 407 of the Laws of 1964, making available to Frostburg State College the sum of \$125,000 for Equipment for new Science Building. There shall be allowed an additional period of two years, beginning on the effective date of this Act, for placing this project under contract. If this project shall not have been placed under contract within a period of two years, beginning on the effective date of this Act, then it shall be deemed to have been abandoned and the other provisions of Section 9, of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 1964 shall be fully effective as to this project.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

## CHAPTER 654

## (House Bill 604)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 49 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 5. County