

17.

The Treasurer of the State shall count, examine, and record all State of Maryland bonds and coupons that have been or may hereafter be redeemed and paid by the State fiscal agent and returned by him to the treasury. Biennially the Comptroller and the Treasurer, or their deputies, shall after verification by the State Auditor, and in the presence of the State Auditor or his assistants, cremate or burn all of said bonds and coupons which have been returned up to the close of the last preceding fiscal year. *The Treasurer of the State may, at his discretion, require the State fiscal agent to render an accounting of all State of Maryland bonds and coupons redeemed and paid by him, certifying that such bonds and coupons were cremated.* Appropriate cremation certificates, attested to by the State fiscal agent or by the State Treasurer, the State Comptroller, and the State Auditor, showing the amount of bonds and coupons so destroyed, shall be entered on the records of the State Treasurer, and copies shall be filed with the presiding officers of the two houses of the General Assembly.

18.

The agents employed to pay the *principal and* interest upon the public debt are hereby required, *at least* semi-annually, to *account for or* transmit to the Treasurer of the State all *State of Maryland bonds or coupons* they **[may]** have paid up to the time of **[making]** such *accounting or* transmission.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1967.

Approved May 4, 1967.

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CHAPTER 677

(Senate Bill 394)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 24 (a) of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1966 Cumulative Supplement), title "State Roads", subtitle "In General", increasing from three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)~~ SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,500.00) the amount of any construction project which may be accomplished by the State Roads Commission without advertising such projects for bids.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 24 (a) of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1964 Replacement Volume and 1966 Cumulative Supplement), title "State Roads", subtitle "In General", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

24.

(a) *Bids in general; supervision; bond; check to be attached to bid.*—The said Commission, when about to construct any highway,