

on increments of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) annually, no salary to exceed a maximum of fifty-six hundred (\$5,600) dollars per year. ] The books of the Sheriff shall be audited annually, and copies shall be published by the County Commissioners in local newspapers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 318

(House Bill 548)

AN ACT to waive the provision of Section 10 of Chapter 759 of the Acts of 1967, the said section relating to the time by which projects contained in the General Construction Loan of 1967 must be placed under contract, insofar as this section relates to an item contained in the said Act for the Department of Mental Hygiene-Headquarters and relating to the construction of a Comprehensive Community Mental Health and Retardation Center, Baltimore (200 beds); 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 10 of Chapter 759 of the Acts of 1967, be and is hereby waived insofar as they impose a time for placing under contract an item, Section 5(G)(1)(A) in the said Chapter 759 and found on page 1678 of the Laws of 1967, making available to the Department of Mental Hygiene-Headquarters the sum of \$9,241,400 for the construction of a Comprehensive Mental Health and Retardation Center, Baltimore (construction: \$9,111,400)-(site improvements, utilities, landscaping: \$130,000) and shall be allowed an additional period of two years beginning on the effective date, for the placing of 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 10 of Chapter 759 of the Acts of 1967 shall be fully effective as to this project.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 23, 1969.