

The [Authority] *Administration* may reject any and all bids and readvertise in its discretion. If after rejecting bids the [Authority] *Administration* determines and resolves that, in its opinion, the supplies, equipment and materials may be purchased at a lower price in the open market, the [Authority] *Administration* may give each responsible bidder an opportunity to negotiate a price and may proceed to purchase the supplies, equipment and materials in the open market at a negotiated price which is lower than the lowest rejected bid of a responsible bidder, without further observance of the provisions requiring bids or notice. The [Authority] *Administration* shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for purchasing from the lowest responsible bidder when sealed bids, notice and publication are not required by this section. *Purchases on behalf of the Administration of rolling stock and other property peculiar to the operation of transit systems, shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 41, Sections 231G-231K of this Code.*

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It is hereby declared that the creation of the [Authority] *Administration* and the carrying out of the [corporate] purposes of the [Authority] *Administration* is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the State and of the District and is for a public purpose and that the [Authority and the board] *Administration* will be performing an essential governmental function. Accordingly, any and all real and personal property (both tangible and intangible) any and all right, title and interest therein, gross receipts, gross or net income, purchases, sales, franchises, ~~licenses~~, operations, activities and functions, owned or controlled, or received, or made, or performed or carried on, by the [Authority] *Administration* shall be and remain totally exempt from any and all ORDINARY OR SPECIAL taxes, assessments, ~~charges and fees of every kind~~ AND CHARGES EXCEPT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES, now or hereafter in effect, imposed, levied or made by the State of Maryland or any political subdivision, or any agency or instrumentality of any of them.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted, That Sections 4, 5, 10(d) and 341(d-3) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume, 1969 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling," and "Offenses and Prosecutions" be and they are hereby repealed in their entirety, and that Sections 2(a)(7), 2(a)(11), 7, 10(a), 10(b), 10(c), 10(e), 11, 29(c), 81(t), 149A(c), 149A(d), 150(b), 152, 152A, 153, 341(d) and 341(d-2) of the same Article, subtitles "In General," "Administration—Registration—Titling," "MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY," "Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund," and "Offenses and Prosecutions," be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:*

2. (a)

(7) Commissioner [.] or Administrator mean [The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of this State] *the Motor Vehicle Administrator whose office is established by Article 41, Section 207E, of this Code.*