

CHAPTER 293

(Senate Bill 570)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 96 (b), ~~96 (e), 96 (d)~~, 97 (b), 97 (d), 99, 100 (c), 101 (b), 101 (d) and 105 of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement,) title "Work, Labor and Employment", subtitle "Contracts for Public Works," and to add new Sections 97 (e), ~~98 (e)~~, 100 (d), 100 (e) and 104 (c) to said title and subtitle of said Article and Code, to follow, respectively, immediately after Sections 97 (d), ~~98 (d)~~, 100 (c) and 104 (b) thereof, to broaden the definition of "construction"; ~~to broaden the law's application to all contracts without regard to dollar amount; to provide for the voluntary inclusion of political subdivisions of the State; to provide for the payment of liquidated damages and the withholding of payments to contractors in violation of certain provisions of the law; to provide for a ratio of employment between mechanics and their apprentices;~~ THE KINDS OF EMPLOYEES USED ON PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS UNDER THIS ACT AND THE USE OF APPRENTICES; to provide for the review of wage rate determinations upon proper petition; to provide for the maintenance and submission of payroll records; to prohibit the awarding of contracts for a ~~three~~ ONE-year period to contractors and subcontractors found in violation of the law; to provide procedures for enforcing compliance with the law by public bodies; and relating generally to the conditions of employment, requirements of employers and the powers and duties of certain public officials under certain contracts and subcontracts for public works in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 96 (b), ~~96 (e), 96 (d)~~, 97 (b), 97 (d), 99, 100 (c), 101 (b), 101 (d) and 105 of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Work, Labor and Employment," subtitle "Contracts for Public Works," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Sections 97 (e), ~~98 (e)~~, 100 (d), 100 (e) and 104 (c) be and they are hereby added to said title and subtitle of said Article and Code, to follow, respectively, immediately after Sections 97 (d), ~~98 (d)~~, 100 (c), and 104 (b) thereof; all to read as follows:

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(b) "Construction" includes all construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, ~~and~~ painting and decorating, alteration, maintenance or repair.

(c) "Public works" includes all buildings, bridges, roads, streets, alleys, ditches, sewage disposal plants, water works, and all other structures or works, constructed for public use or benefit or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds, except work done by any public utility company pursuant to order of the Public Service Commission or other public authority, whether or not done under public supervision or direction or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds, unless let to contract ~~provided, however, that for the purposes of this subtitle contracts of less than \$500,000 shall be excluded~~.