

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 ye 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, 1971.

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CHAPTER 137  
(House Bill 269)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 29-16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1968 Edition and 1968 Supplement, being Article 3 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Revenue Authority," subheading "Construction, etc., contracts," to provide for emergency purchases and contracts not subject to competitive bidding AND LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH SINGLE PURCHASE OR CONTRACT.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 29-16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1968 Edition and 1968 Supplement, being Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Revenue Authority," subheading "Construction, etc., contracts," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

29-16.

(a) If any project or any portion thereof or any improvement thereof shall be constructed, equipped or furnished pursuant to a contract and the estimated cost thereof exceeds twenty-five hundred dollars such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after advertisement for bids [.] , *except as hereinafter provided in subsection (b) hereof*. The authority may make rules and regulations for the submission of bids and the construction, equipping, furnishing and improvement of any project or portion thereof. No contract shall be entered into for construction, equipping, furnishing or improvement of any project, or portion thereof, or for the purchase of materials, unless the contractor shall give an undertaking with a sufficient surety or sureties approved by the authority, and in an amount fixed by the authority, for the faithful performance of the contract; and such contract shall be accompanied by an additional bond for the protection of those to furnish labor and material. All construction contracts shall provide, among other things, that the person or corporation entering into such contract with the authority will pay for all materials furnished and services rendered for the performance of the contract, and that any person or corporation furnishing such materials or rendering such services may maintain an action to recover for the same against the obligor in the undertaking as though such person or corporation was named