

15.

(d) For the purpose of county taxation in Allegany, Baltimore, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester counties, such stock in business shall be assessed at sixty per centum (60%) of such fair average value for the twelve months preceding the date of finality. For the purpose of county taxation in Anne Arundel County, [for the taxable year beginning July 1, 1970,] stock in business shall be assessed at twenty-five per centum (25%) of such fair average value for the twelve months preceding the date of finality; for the taxable year beginning July 1, [1971] 1972, such stock shall be entirely exempt from valuation, assessment, and taxation under the provisions of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 23, 1971.

CHAPTER 195
(House Bill 1193)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsection (1) of Section 3 of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to increase the amount the County Commissioners of Charles County may contract for the purchase of materials and supplies without competitive bidding.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That subsection (1) of Section 3 of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

(1) To provide for competitive bidding for any county work and the making and awarding of contracts for the purchase of materials and supplies in excess of \$1,000 in Harford County, in excess of \$2,500 in Worcester County *and Charles County*, in excess of \$1,500 in Allegany County, and in all other counties \$500 and to require bonds in connection with said work or contracts, whenever deemed proper; and if no bids are submitted in response to any calls therefore [therefor], to place the order as in their discretion they deem best. The provisions of this subsection will not be applicable in Kent County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 23, 1971.