

Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Maryland Port Authority," subtitle "~~Powers generally,~~" subheading "~~Contracts,~~" ADMINISTRATION," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(s) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this article; provided, however, that all projects involving construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement and repair of port facilities, including the dredging of ship channels and turning basins and the filling and grading of land, which contracts involve the expenditure of five thousand dollars or more, shall be performed by private industry and contracts for the same shall be awarded on the basis of the lowest responsible bid received therefor in response to an invitation for bids published at least twice in two newspapers having general circulation in the State of Maryland, provided, however, that development work not susceptible to accurate bidding may be awarded by negotiation; and, provided further, that [all of said contracts for said projects which are to be performed in, on, upon, or in connection with the port of Baltimore in the Patapsco River estuary shall require the payment of wage rates in an amount not less than the schedules of minimum hourly wage rates, including minimum hourly wage rates for overtime work, established from time to time by the board of estimates of the City of Baltimore pursuant to Article 1 of the Baltimore City Code (1950 Edition), title "Mayor and City Council," subtitle "City Contracts," subheading "Hours and Wages," as heretofore amended and as the same may be hereafter amended, for the classifications of laborers, mechanics, and apprentices, required to perform said projects, as established by the said board pursuant to the said ordinance, and said contracts shall specifically set forth the said schedules of minimum hourly wage rates and the said classifications;] *with respect to all of the contracts for projects, except contracts of less than \$500,000.00, the Authority shall be considered to be a "public body" within the meaning of Article 100, Section 96 (d) of this Code, title "Work, Labor and Employment," subtitle "Contracts for Public Works," whether or not the projects are funded in whole or in part out of public funds, and without regard to the source of the funding of the Authority, and as a "public body," the Authority shall comply with all of the requirements relating to "public bodies" as set forth in said subtitle, as amended and as the same may be amended.*

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

Approved April 29, 1971

CHAPTER 220
(Senate Bill 128)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 96 (d) of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Work, Labor and Employment," subtitle "Contracts