[8] 9. Same—State employees not to become employees of parties contracting with State.

It shall be unlawful for any employee of the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of any contract binding or purporting to bind the State of Maryland, by or through any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, to become or be, while such employee, an employee of the party or parties contracting as aforesaid with the State of Maryland, by or through the particular State department, commission, agency, or branch thereof in which the said person is employed. For the purpose of this section, the word "contract" means any contract binding or purporting to bind the State of Maryland, or any department, commission, agency or branch thereof, to pay a sum of money in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose for which said contract is made.

[9] 10. Same—Violation of Section [8] 9.

Any person who violates the provisions of Section [8] 9 of this article shall, upon conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in a sum not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or shall be imprisoned in the Maryland House of Correction for a period of not more than two years, or both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved April 11, 1972.

CHAPTER 71 (House Bill 1022)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3-605(d) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle 3 "Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," subheading "Part VI Special Plates for Dealers, Transporters and Finance Companies," to provide that special plates issued to volunteer firemen may be issued to owners of pick-up trucks not exceeding three-quarter ton.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 3-605(d) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle 3 "Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," subheading "Part VI Special Plates for Dealers, Transporters and Finance Companies," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

3-605.

(d) Upon application to the **[Commissioner** of Motor Vehicles] Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration by the owner