

*State Fire Marshal, his designee, or a court of competent jurisdiction, as the case may be, shall issue such orders as may be appropriate to protect the confidentiality of trade secrets.*

*(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3) above, trade secrets shall mean any confidential formula, pattern, device or compilation of information which is used in the employer's business and which gives him an opportunity to obtain an advantage over competitors who do not know or use it. It is known only to the employer and those employees to whom it is necessary to confide it.*

*(5) It shall be unlawful for any individual, including but not limited to employees of the State Fire Marshal, from giving prior notice of any inspection as authorized by this subtitle, without the written approval of the State Fire Marshal or his designee.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 5, 1972.

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CHAPTER 253  
(Senate Bill 939)

**AN ACT to waive the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 101 of the Acts of 1970 and of other laws relating to the time by which projects included in Item 17.01.00.01 of Section 1 of Chapter 100 of the Acts of 1970, "Board of Public Works — Capital Appropriation," (said Item designation also being known as 11-23.05.02.71) must be placed under contract, insofar as they relate to the following projects included in said item: Project number 1.01, University of Maryland, College Park, planning and preparation of detailed plans and specifications for a State Board of Agriculture Laboratory Building, including air conditioning; and project number 1.04, University of Maryland, College Park, planning and preparation of detailed plans and specifications for renovation of Morrill Hall, including air conditioning; to provide that the funds appropriated for project number 1.04, upon approval of the Board of Public Works, may be used for construction of an addition to the Chemical Engineering Building at College Park, and generally relating thereto.**

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 101 of the Acts of 1970 and of any other law imposing a time for placing under contract projects included in Item 17.01.00.01 of Section 1 of Chapter 100 of the Acts of 1970, "Board of Public Works — Capital Appropriation," (said Item designation also being known as 11-23.05.02.71) as found on page 286 of the Laws of 1970, be and they are hereby waived insofar as they impose a time limit for placing under contract the following projects contained in said Item: Project number 1.01, which appears and is described on page 935 of the Maryland State Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1971 under "Board of Public Works — Capital Appropriation," University of Maryland, College Park, planning and preparation of detailed plans and speci-*