

Governor--Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), as amended by Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1973, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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Departments

245.

In addition to other rule-making requirements imposed by law:

(a) Each agency shall adopt rules governing the formal and informal procedures prescribed or authorized by this subtitle. Such rules shall include rules of practice before the agency together with forms and instructions; provided, however, that such rules shall not be construed or implemented so as to interfere with the right of any lawyer to practice before any agency, or so as to grant the right to practice law to anyone not authorized so to do.

(b) To assist interested persons dealing with it, each agency shall so far as is deemed practicable supplement its rules with descriptive statements of its procedures.

(c) Prior to the adoption of any rule authorized by law, or the amendment or repeal thereof, the adopting agency shall publish or otherwise circulate notice of its intended action, and afford interested persons opportunity to submit data or views orally or in writing. [No agency shall adopt or amend any rule or administrative act which increases the agency's expenditures beyond budgetary limitations without the express approval of the General Assembly or its designee.] AN AGENCY MAY NOT ADOPT OR AMEND ANY RULE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACT WHICH INCREASES THE AGENCY'S EXPENDITURES BEYOND BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS WITHOUT THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; OR IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NOT THEN IN SESSION, WITHOUT THE EXPRESS APPROVAL IN WRITING OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, ACTING JOINTLY AND AFTER CONSULTING WITH AND RECEIVING THE ADVICE IN WRITING OF THE [[APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE TWO HOUSES, RESPECTIVELY]] JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE. APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR ITS PRESIDING OFFICERS, AS ABOVE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, IS NOT REQUIRED IF THE GOVERNOR BY PROCLAMATION DECLARES THAT THE RULE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACT TO INCREASE AN AGENCY'S EXPENDITURES BEYOND BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS IS NECESSARY AND A MATTER OF