OF THE ORIGINAL. APPLICANTS SHALL PAY THE REASONABLE FEE FIXED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER OR THE OFFICER TO COVER THE COST OF PREPARATION OF THE COPIES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 21, §9-112 of the Code. In subsection (a) new definitions are proposed to clarify the words "contractor" and "public body" as used in this section.

In subsection (c) new language is added to make parallel that the "terms and amount" provided in subparagraph (ii) are subject to approval by the public body just as is the bond provided in subparagraph (i).

In subsection (e) the reference to "certified mail" is proposed for deletion because Art. 1, §20 provides that this is included in the phrase "registered mail."

In subsections (h) and (i) new language is proposed so that bonds shall be filed either in the "main office of the State contracting agency" or in the "main office of the concerned public body" in order to enact what is both reasonable and the current practice despite the statutory requirement. In subsection (i) the phrase "is authorized and directed to" is proposed for deletion and the word "shall" substituted to conform with the stylistic guidelines of the Commission.

The only other changes are in style.]]

<u>(A) BEFORE ANY CONTRACT EXCEEDING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($5,000) IN AMOUNT, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR REPAIR OF ANY PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, OR OF ANY COUNTY, CITY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, TOWN, BOARD OF EDUCATION OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, PUBLIC AUTHORITY, OR PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITY, OR ANY OFFICER, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING, IS AWARDED TO ANY PERSON, HE SHALL FURNISH TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND, OR TO SUCH COUNTY, CITY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, TOWN, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, PUBLIC AUTHORITY, OR PUBLIC INTRUMENTALITY, OR TO SUCH OFFICER, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY THEREOF, THE FOLLOWING BONDS WHICH SHALL BECOME BINDING UPON THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT TO SUCH PERSON, WHO IS HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED AS "CONTRACTOR":</u>

<u>(1) A PERFORMANCE BOND EXECUTED BY A SURETY COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE</u>