CHAPTER 200

(House Bill 172)

AN ACT concerning

Leases - Approval

FOR the purpose of eliminating review by the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning before leases of land, buildings or office space are submitted to the Board of Public Works for approval[[,]]; providing for review by the Secretary of General Services; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 78A - Public Works
Section 8
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 8 of Article 78A — Public Works, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re—enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 78A - Public Works

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- (1) The Board of Public Works shall [have the power and duty to] approve every lease and renewal [thereof] OF THE LEASE of land, buildings or office space before [the same] IT is executed by any department, board, commission, State officer or institution of the State, and [shall have power to] MAY designate the location of any State agency, [after review by the Director of Budget and Procurement] AFTER REVIEW BY THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) After June 1, 1967, no appropriation [shall] MAY be obligated or expended for the rent of any building or part of a building to be occupied for State purposes at a rental in excess of the per annum rate of [fifteen per centum (15%)] 15 PERCENT of the fair market value of the rented premises at the date of the lease under which the premises are to be occupied by the State or BY any [agency thereof] OF ITS AGENCIES.