necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 4, 1976.

## CHAPTER 350

(Senate Bill 1017)

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly - Right to Audit

FOR the purpose of [[allowing the General Assembly or any of its several committees to audit certain organizations who receive State funds for certain projects]] authorizing the Joint Budget and Audit Committee of the General Assembly to direct the Division of Audits to undertake an examination of the accounts and records of certain organizations receiving State funds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 40 — General Assembly Section 61B(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 61B(a) of Article 40 - General Assembly, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 40 - General Assembly

61B.

(a) (1) The Division of Audits, at least every two years, shall examine and report on the books and accounts of every department, board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the State government, under the general direction of the joint committee on budget and audit. From time to time, as required by the joint committee, the Division shall ascertain or verify matters of information or procedure concerning these several agencies.

[[(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR ANY OF ITS