

As revised by the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code, this subtitle consists of those provisions of present Art. 41, §§231N through 231X, that relate to the General Professional Services Selection Board and the procurement of architectural and engineering services by all State agencies other than the Department of Transportation, its units, and the Maryland Transportation Authority.

These same provisions of present Art. 41, §§231N et seq., as they relate to the Transportation Professional Services Selection Board and the procurement of architectural and engineering services by the Department of Transportation, its units, and the Maryland Transportation Authority, appear as Title 2, Subtitle 3 of the Transportation Article.

Present Art. 41, §231X, which provides that the subtitle does not affect the validity of contracts existing on July 1, 1974, is deleted as unnecessary; in this regard, see Section 12 of Ch. ____, Acts of 1977, to similar effect.

As to notices required by this subtitle, see, also, Order No. 6 of the Joint Standing Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review, September 26, 1975, which requires publication in the Maryland Register of these notices. (Vol. 2, Maryland Register, page 1364.)

Since the independence of the General Professional Services Selection Board is critical to the exercise of its functions, the Board has been excepted by this revision from the provisions of Article 43, §231C(f), relating to the Secretary's authority to exercise the powers of units in the Department. Similar changes relating to the Transportation Board also are made in §2-103(f) and (g) of the Transportation Article.

Several questions as to the intent and scope of certain provisions of this subtitle are noted in the appropriate revisor's notes. The Commission also feels that there are certain additional issues that deserve legislative attention and study. These can be summarized as follows:

(1) Should the term "architectural or engineering services" be defined?

(2) To what extent does the Board have jurisdiction over contracts that are under \$25,000 originally, but that are increased by supplemental agreements to an amount over that figure?

(3) If an original contract has been approved under this subtitle, does a supplemental agreement to that contract require Board review and recommendations? What if the supplemental agreement itself costs over