

(h) The [Department] DIVISION possesses and enjoys all powers and authority necessary for the proper performance of any duty or function by this section devolving upon or required of the [Department] DIVISION.

(i) At his discretion, the Legislative Auditor may conduct an annual audit of a fiscal and compliance nature of the accounts and transactions of the State use industries in place of conducting these audits on a biennial basis. Officials of the State use industries shall be advised whether annual or biennial audits will be conducted. The cost of the fiscal portion of the post audit examinations shall be borne by the State use industries.

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 231-I, 231-IA, and 14B(c), respectively, of Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be and they are hereby transferred, with amendments, to be Section(s) 8-301 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3. Resident Business Preference"; and Section(s) 8-401 and 8-402 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Priorities Among Preferences", respectively, of the new Article 21 - Procurement, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 21 - PROCUREMENT

SUBTITLE 3. RESIDENT BUSINESS PREFERENCE

[231-I.] 8-301.

In purchasing [materials,] supplies[, and equipment] for the using [authorities,] AGENCIES the Secretary of General Services shall give a preference to [products] SUPPLIES manufactured or produced in Maryland, except when in the judgment of the Secretary such purchases would operate to the disadvantage of the State.

SUBTITLE 4. PRIORITIES AMONG PREFERENCES

[231-IA.] 8-401.

(a) As used in this section, "recycled paper" means any paper product with not less than 80 percent of its total weight consisting of secondary waste materials.

(b) "Secondary waste materials" means fragments, products, or finished products of a manufacturing process which has converted a raw material into a commodity of real economic value, and includes post consumer waste of a total gross content of at least 80 percent.

(c) The total paper purchase by the Secretary of General Services shall include recycled paper so that the total volume of recycled paper purchased by the State is not