

of this section is punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both.

(g) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section shall not apply to:

(1) A contract with a person, firm, corporation or association in which a public official has an interest solely by reason of employment as an employee thereof, if the remuneration of such employment will not be directly affected as a result of such contract and the duties of such employment do not directly involve the procurement, preparation or performance of any part of such contract;

(2) A contract with a membership corporation or other voluntary non-profit corporation or association;

(3) A contract in which a public official has an interest if such contract was entered into prior to the time he was elected or appointed as such official, but this paragraph shall in no event authorize a renewal of any such contract;

(4) A contract with a corporation in which a public official has an interest by reason of stockholdings when the stock of the corporation is listed on either the New York or American stock exchange or when less than three per centum of the outstanding stock of the corporation is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such official; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to stockholdings of a chief fiscal officer, treasurer, or his deputy or employee, in a bank or trust company designated as a depository of funds of the county.

(5) A contract which requires competitive sealed bids provided, however, that the public official has not received an unfair advantage or confidential information pursuant to his official duties that would aid him in the preparation of his bid.

(h) The laws establishing the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission be amended to the extent necessary that the provisions of this section shall apply to the Prince George's County members of the commissions appointed by the governor.

(i) The state's attorney of Prince George's County shall enforce the provisions of this section in accordance with section 7-183 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1975 edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "State's Attorney."

(j) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this section which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are hereby declared to be severable.]

12-101. Conflicts of interest and lobbying.