

(b) When awarding a construction contract based on competitive bidding, the Department shall accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid from a Maryland firm over that of a bid from a resident of another state if:

(1) That state gives any preference to resident firms over Maryland firms; and

(2) The bid from the Maryland firm does not exceed the bid from the nonresident firm by more than 2 percent.

(c) A Maryland firm desiring the preference provided by this section shall claim the preference when the Maryland firm submits its bid.

(d) If in conflict with any federal grant or regulation affecting the contract, the provisions of this section do not apply.]

7-705.

(e) The provisions of subsection (c) OF THIS SECTION shall not apply to charter bus service rendered by the Mass Transit Administration.

(f) A person convicted of violating subsection (c) OF THIS SECTION is subject to a fine of not more than \$250 for each offense.

8-737.

[(1)] (A) A county or municipality may not remove an outdoor sign which is adjacent to a [federal-aid] FEDERAL AID primary highway and which was lawfully erected and maintained under State law and in existence or in litigation on or after November 6, 1978 unless just compensation is paid by the Administration.

[(2)] (B) The Administration is not required to spend any funds under this [subsection] SECTION until appropriate matching Federal Funds are available to the State.

[(3)] (C) The provisions of subsection (a)[(1)] OF THIS SECTION shall not apply to any outdoor sign which is not eligible for matching federal funds.

8-745.

[(1)] (A) A county or municipality may not remove an outdoor sign which is adjacent to an interstate highway and which was lawfully erected and maintained under State law and in existence or in litigation on or after November 6, 1978 unless just compensation is paid by the Administration.