

FOR the purpose of clarifying that, for procurement by the Cecil County government, a certain exception to the requirement that certain contracts be competitively bid applies only when certain requirements are met; and making this Act an emergency measure; ~~and making this Act contingent on the passage of another Act.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners
Section 37A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, Chapter 722 of the Laws of Maryland of 1984 provides an exception for emergency contracts to the requirement in Cecil County that contracts for any construction or repair of any bridge or road and any purchase or lease of any road or construction equipment or machinery be competitively bid; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Chapter 722 of the Laws of Maryland of 1984 further provides that to be an "emergency" contract, a majority vote of the County Commissioners shall have declared the contract to be an emergency and the vote shall be a recorded vote taken at a public meeting; and~~

~~WHEREAS, There has been confusion in Cecil County in determining whether the awarding of contracts by the County Commissioners has been in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 722 of the Laws of Maryland of 1984; and~~

~~WHEREAS, It has been and continues to be the intention of the General Assembly of Maryland that to constitute an emergency contract, the County Commissioners must declare the contract to be an emergency, before the awarding of the contract, by a majority vote of the County Commissioners that is recorded and taken at a public meeting of the County Commissioners; now, therefore,~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

37A.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in Cecil County the following purchases of goods and services shall be by competitively bid contract awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder:

(i) Any construction or repair of any bridge or road; and