(C) THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS.

THE THRESHOLDS ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (B)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO FREE THE BOARD FROM DIRECT REVIEW OF RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT ITEMS. WHILE NOT IMPAIRING THE STRONG PUBLIC POLICY IN FAVOR OF DIRECT BOARD REVIEW OF ITEMS THAT HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL FISCAL IMPACT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 78A, § 7(c).

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the words "unit of the State government" are substituted for the former words "State departments, boards, commissions, institutions, or other agencies" and "agencies" for consistency with language used elsewhere in this article.

In the introductory language of subsection (b)(1) of this section, immediately before the words "change orders", the word "or" is substituted for the former word "and", in conformity to apparent legislative intent, for clarity.

21-504. CONTRACTS FOR PRISON CONSTRUCTION IN JESSUP AREA.

(A) LIMITATION.

THE AS OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE NEW 500 BED REPLACEMENT FACILITY AUTHORIZED JOINTLY IN CHAPTERS 519 AND 693 OF THE ACTS OF 1980 IS OPEN AND ACCEPTING PRISONERS, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY NOT APPROVE ANY CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF ANY PRISON FACILITIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN THE JESSUP AREA OF ANNE ARUNDEL AND HOWARD COUNTIES THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN 3,400 BEDS IN THAT AREA, COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS:

JESSUP PRE-RELEASE UNIT
(INCLUDING NEW DRUG UNIT)184
PATUXENT INSTITUTION640
MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN249
BROCKBRIDGE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY515
HOUSE OF CORRECTION RENOVATION AND/OR
REPLACEMENTS (512+500+400+400)
TOTAL3,400

(B) EXCEPTION.

THE LIMITATION SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY COMMUNITY ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Art. 78A, $\{7(a)(2)$.