CHAPTER 372

(Senate Bill 852)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Expedited Selection of Architectural and Engineering Services

FOR the purpose of allowing altering the requirement for competitive negotiation of certain contracts for architectural and engineering services to-be-waived under certain conditions; requiring the Board of Public Works to make certain determinations before the requirement is waived; and generally relating to expedited selection of architectural and engineering services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement Section 19-109(b)(1) and 19-209(b)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (1985 Volume)

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

Article - State Finance and Procurement

19-109.

- (b) (l) The Transportation Selection Board [may waive] SHALL WAIVE the requirements of subsection (a) of this section if:
- (i) It determines in writing that the architectural and engineering services cannot be defined so completely as to lend themselves to the procedures set forth in subsection (a) of this section;
- (ii) The public health and safety is endangered after a natural disaster or act of God;
- (iii) An emergency -{-is-}- HAS-BEEN declared by the {Governor}-SECRETARY-OF-TRANSPORTATION; {or}
- (iv) [A] IT DETERMINES THAT A bona fide single source of supply or a proprietary product or process is required; OR
- (V) <u>UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF</u>

 TRANSPORTATION. ACCOMPANIED BY A FINDING BY THE GOVERNOR OF

 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES. THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DETERMINES
 THAT URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE PROMPT ACTION AND THAT THE