LAWS OF MARYLAND

A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT MAY NOT BE APPROVED UNLESS EACH UNIT REVIEWING THE MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT DETERMINES THAT:

- (1) THE ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE:
- (I) COVER THE PERIOD OF THE MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT; AND
 - (II) ARE CONTINUING-AND REASONABLY FIRM: AND

(III) ARE CONTINUING; AND

- (2) THE MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WILL SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE BY ENCOURAGING EFFECTIVE COMPETITION OR OTHERWISE PROMOTING ECONOMY IN STATE PROCUREMENT.
 - (D) AUTOMATIC TERMINATION.
- (1) IF MONEY SUFFICIENT FOR THE CONTINUED PERFORMANCE OF A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT IS NOT APPROPRIATED FOR ANY YEAR-AFTER THE-PIRST FISCAL YEAR, THE MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT TERMINATES AUTOMATICALLY ON THE EARLIER OF:
- (I) THE LAST DAY OF THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH MONEY LAST WAS APPROPRIATED; OR
- (II) THE DATE PROVIDED IN THE TERMINATION CLAUSE OF THE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT.
- (2) IF THE MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT IS TERMINATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE UNIT SHALL REIMBURSE THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE REASONABLE VALUE OF ANY NONRECURRING COSTS THAT WERE:
- (I) INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT; BUT
- (II) NOT AMORTIZED IN THE PRICE OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES DELIVERED UNDER THE MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT.
- (3) THE COST OF TERMINATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE PAID FROM ANY APPROPRIATION AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 - (E) REQUIRED CONTRACT CLAUSE.

EACH MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT, INCLUDING A LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, SHALL INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC TERMINATION CLAUSE THAT:

- (1) IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND
- (2) DISCHARGES BOTH PARTIES TO THE MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT FROM FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF THAT CONTRACT, BUT NOT FROM THEIR EXISTING OBLIGATIONS.