

(d) The master, owner, charterer, and agent of a vessel shall be jointly and severally liable for any payments due under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 30, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 215**

**(House Bill 352)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Procurement – Small Procurement Process – Threshold**

FOR the purpose of modifying the threshold governing small procurements to increase the value of certain State procurement contracts in which a less formal process may be employed.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 13–109

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

**Article – State Finance and Procurement**

13–109.

- (a) In this section, “small procurement” means a procurement for which:
- (1) a unit spends [~~\$10,000~~] \$25,000 or less; or
  - (2) a contractor provides services subject to § 11–202(3) of this article for expected annual revenues of [~~\$10,000~~] \$25,000 or less.
- (b) A unit may make small procurements in accordance with the regulations of primary procurement units.
- (c) A primary procurement unit may not create a small procurement by artificial division of a procurement.
- (d) Any regulation of a primary procurement unit to govern small procurements:
- (1) shall provide for a simplified administrative procedure;
  - (2) shall be consistent with the basic intent of this Division II; and