

CHAPTER 682

(House Bill 353)

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement Law – Construction Contracts – Contract Claims Process

FOR the purpose of modifying the time frame by which ~~a procurement officer must give notice of final action on a procurement protest or contract claim~~ notice concerning the resolution of certain construction contract claims must be given; requiring that a notice of a claim under a procurement contract for construction be filed within a specified interval; restricting recovery when a notice of a claim or a claim is not timely filed; requiring a ~~person charged with reviewing certain claims under a contract for construction to approve certain payments~~ unit to pay an undisputed amount under a contract claim under specified circumstances; requiring that a procurement contract for construction include a certain provision; ~~modifying circumstances under which interest may be paid when a claim is filed under a contract for construction~~; ~~authorizing the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals to require an agency to pay a penalty to a contractor under specified circumstances~~; ~~limiting the amount of a penalty~~; ~~providing for interest on a penalty~~; ~~requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the budget bill in certain~~ providing that the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals may award a contractor certain costs under limited circumstances; requiring the adoption of certain regulations; and generally relating to the State procurement process as it relates to construction contracts and contract management, claims processing, and dispute resolution.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section ~~13-218, 15-105, 15-217, 15-218,~~ and 15-219
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 15-104, ~~15-105,~~ 15-201, 15-215(a) and (b), ~~15-218,~~ and 15-220
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section ~~15-222.1~~ 15-221.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)