- (3) Contracts for professional services such as those of attorneys, physicians, architects, engineers, accountants, consultants, and others possessing a similar high degree of technical skill and expertise, provided that to the extent appropriate for the particular service to be provided, an attempt is made to secure competitive proposals for these services;
- (4) Purchases or contracts made when the county commissioners determine that an emergency exists, provided that the commissioners publish an explanation of the circumstances deemed to constitute the emergency in at least 2 county newspapers; and
- (5) Purchases based on FEDERAL, state, county, or municipal contracts that are established by a legal competitive process.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

## **CHAPTER 403**

(House Bill 154)

AN ACT concerning

## Wicomico County - Barbecue Grills - Residential Dwellings

FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Wicomico County the use of barbecue grills on balconies of certain residential dwellings and within a certain distance of any part of a residential dwelling; and generally relating to a prohibition against the use of barbecue grills at residential dwellings.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

Section 13(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

Section 67

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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