

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 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**

17-101.

(d) "Public body" means:

- (1) the State;
- (2) a county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision;
- (3) a public instrumentality; or
- (4) any governmental unit authorized to award a contract.

(e) (1) "Supplier" means a person who supplies labor or materials.

(2) "Supplier" includes a lessor of equipment to the extent of the fair rental value of the equipment.

17-108.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a supplier may sue on payment security if the supplier:

(1) supplied labor or materials in the prosecution of work provided for in a contract subject to this subtitle; and

(2) has not been paid in full for the labor or materials within 90 days after the day that the person last supplied labor or materials for which the claim is made.

(b) (1) A supplier who has a direct contractual relationship with a subcontractor or sub-subcontractor of a contractor who has provided payment security but no contractual relationship with the contractor may sue on the security if the supplier gives written notice to the contractor within 90 days after the labor or materials for which the claim is made were last supplied in prosecution of work covered by the security.

(2) A notice under this subsection:

(i) shall state with substantial accuracy the amount claimed and the person to whom the labor or material was supplied; and

(ii) shall be sent by certified mail to the contractor at the contractor's residence or a place where the contractor has an office or does business.

(c) (1) On request by a person who submits an affidavit verifying that the person has supplied labor or materials but has not been paid or is being sued under this section, the Comptroller or the officer in charge of the office where the payment security or evidence of security is required to be filed shall issue: