

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 275

(House Bill 1244)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County - Public Notice of County Contracts and Purchases

FOR the purpose of requiring the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing for the Carroll County Commissioners to provide public notice of certain contracts and purchases in certain media and on the Internet; authorizing the County Commissioners of Carroll County to allow the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing to participate in cooperative or piggyback purchasing with certain other government agencies or associations under certain circumstances; and generally relating to contracts and purchases in Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Carroll County

Section 3-401

Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2000 Edition and August 2001 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 7 - Carroll County

3-401.

(A) In contracting for any necessary public work or improvement or the purchase of supplies and equipment needed at any time by the several departments of the County, the County Commissioners of Carroll County may enter into contracts for public work or improvement and may purchase supplies and equipment on an order passed by the County Commissioners provided that the cost of the public work or improvement or the purchase price of the supplies and equipment does not exceed \$25,000.00.

(B) When the cost of any project for public work or improvement, or the purchase price of any supplies and equipment exceeds \$25,000.00, except in emergencies or when there is a sole source of supply, the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing for the County Commissioners shall [advertise] PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE for at least one week [in one or more newspapers] IN A MEDIA ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO A NEWSPAPER circulated in Carroll County AND AN INTERNET WEB SITE, for bids to perform the