

taxation of every kind and nature whatsoever in the State of Maryland. Nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds, the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the authority to borrow money and issue bonds conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland heretofore passed authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the powers contained in such Acts have not been exercised, and nothing contained in this Act may be construed to impair, in any way, the validity of any bonds that may have been issued by the County under the authority of any said Acts, and the validity of the bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Carroll County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1992.

Approved May 12, 1992.

CHAPTER 317

(House Bill 452)

AN ACT concerning

State Construction Contracts – Dispute Procedure – Option of Contractor

FOR the purpose of deeming the failure by certain State officials who review construction contract claims to resolve the claim within a certain time as a decision not to pay the claim only at the option of a certain contractor; and generally relating to the procedure for resolving claims involving State construction contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 15-219

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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