

CHAPTER 490

(House Bill 571)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County - Purchase of Used Property - Procurement Process

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to acquire used personal property based on a book value in lieu of obtaining two independent appraisals under certain circumstances; providing that the purchase price cannot exceed that book value; specifying procedures that the County Commissioners must follow if independent appraisals are not obtained; and generally relating to Garrett County's procurement process for the acquisition of used personal property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Garrett County

Section 20-14.D

Article 12 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1985 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 12 - Garrett County

20-14.

D. Used personal property.

(1) Subject to Subsection D(2) of this subsection, whenever the County Commissioners consider it in the best interest of the county, the County Commissioners may:

(a) Acquire used personal property at an auction or at a public or private sale;

(b) Lease used personal property; and

(c) Enter into any financing or lease agreement for used personal property that the County Commissioners could enter had the personal property been acquired or leased new.

(2) Unless acquired at public auction, the County Commissioners may not acquire used personal property if the price exceeds ~~[\$5,000.]~~ \$5,000 unless the County Commissioners first obtain two independent appraisals of the property. HOWEVER, IF BY RESOLUTION THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARE THAT TWO INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS ARE NOT REASONABLY AVAILABLE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ACQUIRE THE USED PERSONAL PROPERTY AT A PRICE NOT EXCEEDING A DOCUMENTED PUBLISHED BOOK VALUE THAT GENERALLY WOULD BE