

CHAPTER 3

(Senate Bill 3)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8 of Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Budget and Procurement", sub-title "Budgetary Administration", eliminating the provision requiring a copy of all Budget amendments to be furnished each member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, the amendment to the Budget law requiring a copy of all budget amendments made by the several departments, with the approval of the Governor, to be furnished each member of the General Assembly resulted in the publication of these amendments in both the House and Senate Journals of the 1947 session, amounting to 555 Pages; and

WHEREAS, most of these amendments were very minor in nature and cost several thousand dollars to have printed; and

WHEREAS, the law already requires that a copy of all these amendments be made available during the sessions of the General Assembly and a copy is always available in the office of the State Comptroller, thereby making the publication of all of the amendments a seemingly unnecessary expense; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 8 of Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Budget and Procurement," sub-title "Budgetary Administration", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

8. The items and amounts making up the appropriations in any budget bill, supplementary appropriation bill or bond issue bill shall represent the initial plan of disbursement and apportionment of the appropriations of which they are part. Each appropriation shall be paid out only in accordance with the schedule therefor, unless such schedule be amended, within the limits of such appropriation, in the following manner:

The Senate may by resolution provide for or authorize the amendment of its schedule.

The House of Delegates may by resolution provide for or authorize the amendment of its schedule.

The Governor may himself make an amended schedule, if the same be necessary, with respect to the appropriations for the Executive Department, and upon its transmission to the Comptroller the appropriation for such department shall be paid out in accordance with such amended schedule.