

CHAPTER 558

(House Bill 376)

AN ACT to add new Sections 96 to ~~108~~ 107, inclusive, to Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Work, Labor and Employment," said new sections to follow immediately after Section 95 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Contracts for Public Works," and to repeal Section 25 of Article 89B of the said Code (1968 Supplement), title "State Roads," subtitle "In General," to provide for the establishment and operation of certain hourly wage rates applicable to contracts and subcontracts for public works with the State or any agency thereof ~~and with certain political subdivisions of the State~~; providing for the operations, powers, and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry in relation thereto; establishing and providing for certain standards for hours of work, rates of pay, ~~and ratios of employment for certain workmen and apprentices~~; providing for an Advisory Council on Prevailing Wage Rates and for its functions and operations; and relating generally to the hours of labor, rates of pay, conditions of employment, requirements of employers, and the powers and duties of certain public officials under certain contracts and subcontracts for public works in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 96 to ~~108~~ 107, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Work, Labor and Employment," said new sections to follow immediately after Section 95 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Contracts for Public Works," and to read as follows:

Contracts For Public Works

96.

(a) *As used in this subtitle, unless the context indicates otherwise, the words in this subtitle have the meanings given them.*

(b) *"Construction" includes all construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, alteration AND, painting and decorating, maintenance, or repair.*

(c) *"Public works" includes all buildings, bridges, roads, streets, alleys, ditches, sewage disposal plants, water works, and all other structures or works, constructed for public use or benefit or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds, except work done by any public utility company pursuant to order of the Public Service Commission or other public authority, whether or not done under public supervision or direction or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds, unless let to contract PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE CONTRACTS OF LESS THAN \$500,000 SHALL BE EXCLUDED.*

(d) *"Public body" means the State or any department, officer, board, commission, or agency of the State, HOWEVER, THE TERM "PUBLIC BODY" SHALL NOT MEAN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN A COUNTY, OR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN A COUNTY BUT THIS TERM*