

**CHAPTER 480**

**(House Bill 772)**

AN ACT concerning

**Cecil County - Noncompetitively Bid Contracts - Award Limitation**

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum value of contracts that may be awarded within a certain period of time in Cecil County to a contractor for contracts that are not competitively bid; and generally relating to contract awards in Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners

Section 37A(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article 25 - County Commissioners**

37A.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in Cecil County a particular contractor may not be awarded, during any 2-month period, more than a total of [\$10,000] \$20,000 worth of contracts which are not competitively bid.

(2) The limitation established by this subsection does not apply to emergency contracts. However, before the awarding of an emergency contract, a majority of the County Commissioners shall have affirmed the existence of an emergency. The vote of the Commissioners in declaring the emergency shall be recorded in the minutes of the next public meeting of the Commissioners.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 481**

**(House Bill 797)**

AN ACT concerning

**Education - Portable Pagers on School Property**

FOR the purpose of altering provisions relating to possession of a portable pager on public school property; ~~requiring by allowing, instead of requiring;~~ *requiring a*