

**CHAPTER 329**

**(House Bill 847)**

AN ACT concerning

**Calvert County - Competitive Bidding - Exceptions**

FOR the purpose of providing that, in Calvert County, when the county is acting as the general contractor, certain purchases or contracts for less than a certain amount may be awarded after obtaining a certain number of quotes and need not comply with certain competitive bidding procedures; and generally relating to exceptions to competitive bidding requirements in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Calvert County

Section 6-102

Article 5 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1986 Edition and July 1991 Supplement, as amended)

(As enacted by Chapter 402 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, as amended by Chapter 84 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

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

**Article 5 - Calvert County**

6-102.

(A) The following types of contracts may be awarded without complying with the bidding procedures otherwise required under this subtitle:

(1) Purchases or contracts involving less than \$15,000;

(2) Purchases of supplies or services that are available only through one source;

(3) Contracts for professional services such as those of attorneys, physicians, architects, engineers, accountants, consultants, and others possessing a similar high degree of technical skill and expertise, provided that to the extent appropriate for the particular service to be provided, an attempt is made to secure competitive proposals for these services;

(4) Purchases or contracts made when the County Commissioners determine that an emergency exists, provided that the Commissioners publish an explanation of the circumstances deemed to constitute the emergency in at least 2 county newspapers; [and]

(5) Purchases based on federal, state, county, or municipal contracts that are established by a legal competitive process; AND