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CHAPTER 85

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Exemption from Advertising Requirement for**  
3 **~~Purchases~~ Contracts for Covert Operations**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting from certain procurement provisions contracts for  
5 certain sales, purchases, or expenditures by certain law enforcement personnel  
6 in Washington County; requiring certain procurement records to become public  
7 at a certain time; and generally relating to ~~the sales and purchases by law~~  
8 ~~enforcement personnel~~ contracts for covert operations in Washington County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
11 Section 1-106(c)  
12 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
13 (1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

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

16 **Article 22 - Washington County**

17 1-106.

18 (c) (1) Any contract entered into in violation of the provisions of this section  
19 is void.

20 (2) (I) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

1 [(i)] 1. Any contract or other transaction involving the deposit of  
2 county funds in any authorized State or federal banking institution;

3 [(ii)] 2. Necessary repairs made in case of emergency;

4 [(iii)] 3. The purchase of tangible personal property at a public  
5 auction; [or]

6 [(iv)] 4. Any contract for which the County Commissioners  
7 approve sole source procurement under §1-106.2 of this subtitle; OR

8 [(V)] 5. A CONTRACT OF SALE OR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT OR A  
9 CONTRACT FOR OTHER EXPENDITURES BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THE STATE'S  
10 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, OR THE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE FOR USE IN COVERT  
11 OPERATIONS.

12 (II) ALL RECORDS MAINTAINED FOR A PROCUREMENT UNDER  
13 PARAGRAPH (2)(I) 5 OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE  
14 CONCLUSION OF THE COVERT OPERATION, AT WHICH TIME THE RECORDS ~~WILL~~  
15 SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2001.