
By: **Delegate Boston (Baltimore City Administration)**
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Procurement - Security for Construction Contracts**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the threshold dollar amount in a requirement that
4 contractors provide payment security and performance security under certain
5 construction contracts awarded by certain public bodies; altering the threshold
6 dollar amount in a provision authorizing Baltimore City to adopt a program to
7 satisfy certain bonding requirements; and generally relating to required
8 security for construction contracts under the Procurement Law.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - State Finance and Procurement
11 Section 17-102 and 17-103
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

17 17-102.

18 (a) This subtitle does not limit the authority of a public body to require
19 performance security in addition to, or in cases other than, those specified under §§
20 17-103, 17-104, 17-106, and 17-107 of this subtitle.

21 (b) This subtitle applies only to security for a construction contract.

22 (c) By ordinance, Baltimore City may provide for a program to satisfy the
23 bonding requirements under §§ 17-103, 17-104, 17-106, and 17-107 of this subtitle
24 with respect to any construction contract:

25 (1) that does not exceed [~~\$100,000~~] \$200,000; and

26 (2) for which State money is not used.

1 17-103.

2 (a) (1) Before a public body awards a construction contract exceeding
3 [\$50,000] \$100,000, the contractor shall provide payment security and performance
4 security that meet the requirements of § 17-104 of this subtitle.

5 (2) The security shall be:

6 (i) for performance security, in an amount that the public body
7 considers adequate for its protection; and

8 (ii) for payment security, at least 50% of the total amount payable
9 under the contract.

10 (b) A public body, other than the State or a unit of the State government, may
11 require payment security or performance security for a construction contract if:

12 (1) the contract exceeds \$25,000 but does not exceed [\$50,000] \$100,000;
13 and

14 (2) the amount of the security does not exceed 50% of the contract
15 amount.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 1998.