
By: **Carroll County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Competitive Bids**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing to a certain amount the cost of a public work or
4 improvement or the purchase price of supplies or equipment for which the
5 County Commissioners of Carroll County may enter into a contract; requiring
6 that when the cost of a public work or improvement or the purchase price of
7 supplies or equipment in Carroll County exceeds a certain amount under certain
8 conditions, the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing for the County Commissioners
9 of Carroll County shall advertise for bids for a certain amount of time in a
10 certain number of certain newspapers; requiring that bids to perform a public
11 work or improvement or to furnish supplies or equipment in Carroll County be
12 opened in the presence of a certain individual under certain conditions; making
13 a technical correction; and generally relating to bids to perform a public work or
14 improvement or to furnish supplies or equipment in Carroll County.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County
17 Section 3-401
18 Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
19 (1976 Edition and September 1999 Supplement, as amended)
20 (As enacted by Chapter 601 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

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

23 **Article 7 - Carroll County**

24 3-401.

25 In contracting for any necessary public work or improvement or for the purchase
26 of supplies and equipment needed at any time by the several departments of the
27 County, the County Commissioners of Carroll County may enter into contracts for
28 public work or improvement and may purchase supplies and equipment on an order
29 passed by the County Commissioners provided that the cost of the public work or
30 improvement or the purchase price of the supplies and equipment does not exceed

1 [\$12,000.00] \$25,000.00. When the cost of any project for public work or improvement,
2 or the purchase price of any supplies and equipment exceeds [\$12,000.00] \$25,000.00,
3 except in emergencies or when there is a sole source of supply, the [Clerk to] CHIEF
4 OF THE BUREAU OF PURCHASING FOR the County Commissioners shall advertise for
5 AT LEAST one week in [not less than two] ONE OR MORE newspapers [published]
6 CIRCULATED in Carroll County for bids to perform the public work or improvement or
7 to furnish the supplies and equipment, which advertisement shall state the date, time
8 and place of opening of the bids; and the bids shall be opened in the presence of [the
9 Clerk to the County Commissioners] AN EMPLOYEE DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY
10 COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, and the County Commissioners of Carroll
11 County shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid is
12 considered reasonable, or in [its] THEIR discretion, may reject any or all bids. The
13 County Commissioners may authorize nonprofit entities that are funded by the
14 County or eligible to receive County funds, to participate in County procurement
15 contracts.

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