

# HOUSE BILL 510

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Revenue Authority – Purchases – Competitive Bidding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore County Revenue Authority, when the  
4 estimated cost of certain commodities and services exceeds a certain amount, to  
5 use a certain competitive bidding process to purchase the commodities and  
6 services by written, formal contract from a certain bidder after a certain notice;  
7 prohibiting the division of a contract or purchase into smaller parts to avoid  
8 certain requirements; and generally relating to the purchase of commodities  
9 and services by the Baltimore County Revenue Authority.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore County  
12 Section 9–1–101(a), (b), and (f) and 10–2–401(b)  
13 Article 3 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
14 (2003 Edition and September 2011 Supplement, as amended)

15 BY adding to  
16 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore County  
17 Section 9–1–116.1  
18 Article 3 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
19 (2003 Edition and September 2011 Supplement, as amended)

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

22 **Article 3 – Baltimore County**

23 9–1–101.

24 (a) The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall  
25 have the meanings ascribed to them in this section.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) "Authority" means the Baltimore County Revenue Authority created by  
2 this article.

3 (f) "County" means the body politic and corporate of the state known as  
4 Baltimore County, Maryland.

5 **9-1-116.1.**

6 (A) **WHEN THE ESTIMATED COST OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES TO**  
7 **BE PURCHASED BY THE AUTHORITY EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT SET BY LEGISLATIVE**  
8 **ACT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN § 10-2-401(B) OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY**  
9 **CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTY'S PURCHASES, THE AUTHORITY SHALL**  
10 **PURCHASE THE COMMODITIES AND SERVICES BY FORMAL, WRITTEN CONTRACT**  
11 **FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AFTER PUBLIC**  
12 **NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS.**

13 (B) **THE AUTHORITY SHALL USE A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS**  
14 **SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY THE COUNTY UNDER THE PURCHASING ACT, TITLE 2**  
15 **OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE.**

16 (C) **A CONTRACT OR PURCHASE MAY NOT BE DIVIDED INTO SMALLER**  
17 **PARTS TO AVOID THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

18 10-2-401.

19 (b) When the estimated cost of commodities and services to be purchased by  
20 the county is more than \$25,000, the county shall purchase the commodities and  
21 services by formal, written contract from the lowest responsive and responsible bidder  
22 as determined by the Purchasing Agent, after public notice inviting proposals.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2012.