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By: **Senator Pinsky**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **States of Emergency – Emergency Procurement and Budget Amendments –**
3 **Notice and Authorization**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor or the head of a certain unit to provide certain
5 notice to the Legislative Policy Committee within a certain time frame when
6 authorizing a certain emergency procurement during a state of emergency under
7 certain circumstances; ~~requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to perform a certain~~
8 ~~audit within a certain time frame under certain circumstances;~~ requiring the
9 Governor or the head of a certain unit to provide a copy of a certain procurement
10 contract to the Legislative Policy Committee under certain circumstances;
11 authorizing the Legislative Policy Committee to request that the Office of Legislative
12 Audits perform a certain audit under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor
13 to provide certain notice to certain persons within a certain time frame after
14 suspending the effect of a certain statute or rule or regulation under certain
15 circumstances; authorizing a certain appropriation to be increased by budget
16 amendment if the Board of Public Works makes a certain declaration; prohibiting
17 the Governor from suspending the effects of certain provisions under certain
18 circumstances; and generally relating to emergency procurements and the
19 Governor's authority to suspend the effect of a statute, rule, or regulation during a
20 state of emergency.

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Public Safety
23 Section 14–117

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

3 BY adding to
4 Article – State Finance and Procurement
5 Section 7–214
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

10 **Article – Public Safety**

11 **14–117.**

12 (A) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY WHEN THE GOVERNOR OR THE
13 HEAD OF A UNIT AUTHORIZES AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT DURING A STATE OF
14 EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR OR ADDRESS THE STATE OF EMERGENCY
15 UNDER:

16 (I) § 14–106(B)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

17 (II) § 13–108(A) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT
18 ARTICLE; OR

19 (III) ANY OTHER LAW THAT GRANTS THE GOVERNOR AUTHORITY
20 TO AUTHORIZE AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT.

21 (2) WHEN THE GOVERNOR OR THE HEAD OF A UNIT AUTHORIZES AN
22 EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT, WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER THE EARLIER OF THE
23 EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT OR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS, THE GOVERNOR
24 OR HEAD OF THE UNIT SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE LEGISLATIVE
25 POLICY COMMITTEE, INCLUDING:

26 (I) ~~A COPY OF THE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT~~ THE NAME,
27 BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND, IF APPLICABLE, WEBSITE ADDRESS OF THE VENDOR AND
28 THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THE CONTRACT;

29 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED; AND

30 (III) AN EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS THE PROCUREMENT IS
31 NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR OR ADDRESS THE EMERGENCY.

32 (3) ~~WITHIN 8 MONTHS AFTER~~ AFTER AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

1 ~~CONTRACT IS EXECUTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION,~~ SUBSECTION:

2 (I) IF REQUESTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE,
3 THE GOVERNOR OR HEAD OF THE UNIT SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE CONTRACT
4 TO THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE; AND

5 (II) THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST THAT
6 THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS ~~SHALL~~ CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE
7 EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT.

8 (B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY WHEN THE GOVERNOR
9 SUSPENDS THE EFFECT OF A STATUTE OR RULE OR REGULATION OF AN AGENCY OF
10 THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER:

11 (I) § 14-107(D)(1)(I) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

12 (II) § 14-108(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

13 (III) ANY OTHER PROVISION THAT GRANTS THE GOVERNOR
14 AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND THE EFFECT OF ANY STATUTE OR RULE OR REGULATION
15 OF AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DURING A STATE OF
16 EMERGENCY.

17 (2) WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER SUSPENDING THE EFFECT OF A
18 STATUTE OR RULE OR REGULATION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN
19 NOTICE TO THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE THAT:

20 (I) IDENTIFIES THE STATUTE OR RULE OR REGULATION BEING
21 SUSPENDED; AND

22 (II) EXPLAINS THE REASONS THAT SUSPENDING THE STATUTE
23 OR RULE OR REGULATION IS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE EMERGENCY.

24 (3) WHEN THE GOVERNOR SUSPENDS THE EFFECT OF A
25 REGULATION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ALSO PROVIDE THE NOTICE REQUIRED
26 UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE,
27 EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

28 (C) THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT SUSPEND THE EFFECT OF THIS SECTION
29 UNDER:

30 (1) § 14-107(D)(1)(I) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

31 (2) § 14-108(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

1 **(3) ANY OTHER LAW THAT GRANTS THE GOVERNOR AUTHORITY TO**
2 **SUSPEND THE EFFECT OF ANY STATUTE DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY.**

3 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

4 **7-214.**

5 **(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY FEDERAL,**
6 **SPECIAL, OR HIGHER EDUCATION FUND APPROPRIATION MAY BE INCREASED BY**
7 **BUDGET AMENDMENT IF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DECLARES THAT THE**
8 **BUDGET AMENDMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, OR**
9 **WELFARE, INCLUDING PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT OR THE ECONOMIC**
10 **WELFARE OF THE STATE.**

11 **(B) THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT SUSPEND THE EFFECT OF THIS SECTION**
12 **UNDER:**

13 **(1) § 14-107(D)(1)(I) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE;**

14 **(2) § 14-108(A)(2) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE; OR**

15 **(3) ANY OTHER LAW THAT GRANTS THE GOVERNOR AUTHORITY TO**
16 **SUSPEND THE EFFECT OF ANY STATUTE DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.