

SENATE BILL 437

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By: **Carroll County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2024

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Contracts and Purchasing**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing to a certain amount the cost of a public work or improvement
4 or the purchase price of supplies or equipment for which the County Commissioners
5 of Carroll County may enter into a contract; requiring that when the cost of a public
6 work or improvement or the purchase price of supplies or equipment in Carroll
7 County exceeds a certain amount under certain conditions, the Chief of the Bureau
8 of Purchasing for the County Commissioner shall advertise for bids for a certain
9 amount of time in a media accessible to the general public; and generally relating to
10 contracts and purchases in Carroll County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County
13 Section 3–401
14 Article 7 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
15 (2014 Edition and January 2023 Supplement, as amended)

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

18 **Article 7 – Carroll County**

19 3–401.

20 (a) In contracting for any necessary public work or improvement or for the
21 purchase of supplies and equipment needed at any time by the several departments of the
22 County, the County Commissioners of Carroll County may enter into contracts for public
23 work or improvement and may purchase supplies and equipment on an order passed by the
24 County Commissioners provided that the cost of the public work or improvement or the
25 purchase price of the supplies and equipment does not exceed [~~\$25,000.00~~] **\$50,000.00**.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) When the cost of any project for public work or improvement, or the purchase
2 price of any supplies and equipment exceeds [~~\$25,000.00~~] **\$50,000.00**, except in
3 emergencies or when there is a sole source of supply, the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing
4 for the County Commissioner shall provide public notice for at least one week in a media
5 accessible to the general public including, but not limited to a newspaper circulated in
6 Carroll County and an internet web site, for bids to perform the public work or
7 improvement or to furnish the supplies and equipment. The public notice shall state the
8 date, time and place of opening of the bids.

9 (c) The bids shall be opened in the presence of an employee designated by the
10 County Commissioners of Carroll County.

11 (d) The County Commissioners of Carroll County shall award the contract to the
12 lowest responsible bidder whose bid is considered reasonable, or in their discretion, may
13 reject any and all bids.

14 (e) The County Commissioners may authorize nonprofit entities that are funded
15 by the County or eligible to receive county funds, to participate in county procurement
16 contracts.

17 (f) The County Commissioners may authorize the Chief of the Bureau of
18 Purchasing to participate in cooperative or piggyback purchasing with other governmental
19 agencies or associations, provided the public notice for the bid is in accordance with the
20 rules and regulations governing the soliciting agency or association.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2024.