

CHAPTER 320

(Senate Bill 272)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Resident Business Preference

FOR ~~the purpose of requiring each State agency to accept certain bids from Maryland firms over bids from nonresident firms under certain circumstances providing for a preference to a Maryland firm in the award of a certain competitive bidding contract by State agencies under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law relating to preference; providing that a State agency awarding a contract by competitive bidding shall give a certain preference to Maryland firms under certain circumstances; repealing a provision relating to preferences for supplies manufactured in Maryland; and generally relating to preferences for Maryland firms.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 21 - Procurement  
Section 8-301  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

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

Article 21 - Procurement

8-301.

{(a) In purchasing supplies for the using agencies the Secretary of General Services shall give a preference to supplies manufactured or produced in Maryland, except when in the judgment of the Secretary such purchases would operate to the disadvantage of the State.

(b) (1) In this subsection, "Maryland firm" means a business entity which has its principal office in this State.

(2) When awarding a construction contract based on competitive bidding, the Department of General Services shall accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid from a Maryland firm over that of a bid from a resident of another state if:

(i) That state gives any preference to resident firms over Maryland firms; and