before a certain date; establishing certain prohibited acts and certain penalties for certain violations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the procurement participation of disabled veteran business enterprises.

Establishing Small Businesses; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to appoint a chair of the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation for serving on the Task Force; authorizing reimbursement to members of the Task Force for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide certain information on procurement to certain veterans; providing for the termination of a certain section certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Assistance to Disabled Veterans Establishing Small Businesses.

## BY adding to

Article State Finance and Procurement

Section 14 601 through 14 607, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article State Finance and Procurement

Section 16 203(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume-and-2004 Supplement)

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

## Article State Finance and Procurement

SHPTITLE 6. DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

## 14-601.

- (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED
- (B) "AWARDING UNIT" MEANS A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR AN OFFICIAL OF THE STATE THAT ENTERS INTO CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE STATE.
- (C) "CERTIFICATION" MEANS THE DETERMINATION THAT A LEGAL ENTITY IS A DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.