

VETOES

State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 919.

This bill requires the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works to evaluate the continued compliance of the Minority Business Enterprise Program with the requirements of the Croson decision and any subsequent federal or constitutional requirements.

House Bill 1540, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 29, 1990, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 919.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 919

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Minority Business Participation

FOR the purpose of providing for the certification of minority business enterprises through a single process; altering certain definitions relating to minority business participation in State government; requiring a certain study and the issuance of a certain report by a certain date; making provisions of this Act severable; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to minority business participation in State procurement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 14–301 through 14–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, In 1978 the General Assembly of Maryland enacted Chapter 575, creating a Minority Business Enterprise program as a remedy for past discrimination in the expenditure of State public contract dollars and, in 1983, enacted Chapter 193, reaffirming its conclusion that the State's Minority Business Enterprise program was necessary and should be continued; and

WHEREAS, In January, 1989, the Supreme Court of the United States, in City of Richmond v. J. A. Croson Co. held that State and local minority business programs