

AN ACT concerning

Small Business - State Purchases

FOR the purpose of insuring that small businesses receive a fair proportion of the State's total purchases for property and services by enabling [[the Secretary of General Services]] certain Secretaries to designate certain purchases of commodities, equipment, and services as small business set-asides; specifying certain procedures for the purchases; defining certain terms; requiring certain [[records to be kept]] reports to the Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review; and generally relating to small business set-asides.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative  
Departments  
Section 231GH  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 231GH be and it is hereby added to Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and  
Administrative Departments

231GH.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES, THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(3) "SMALL BUSINESS" HAS THE MEANING ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY IN RULES AND REGULATIONS, SUBJECT TO THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(4) "SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE" MEANS A PURCHASE REQUEST FOR WHICH THE SECRETARY INVITES [[AND ACCEPTS BIDS ONLY FROM SMALL BUSINESSES]] BIDS FROM A LIST OF QUALIFIED BIDDERS INCLUDING SMALL BUSINESSES.

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS SPECIFYING THE CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATION AS A SMALL BUSINESS.