

bids[, and, if]. IF in its discretion the prices quoted are unreasonable, [it] THE COMMISSION may readvertise the work or any part of it, or may do any part or all of the work by day labor[; provided that]. AT any time the commission may, in its discretion, expend by day labor for construction work an amount not exceeding \$15,000 without advertising or receiving bids. THE COMMISSION, BY RESOLUTION AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, MAY ESTABLISH A MANDATORY MINORITY BUSINESS UTILIZATION POLICY TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF RESPONSIBLE MINORITY BUSINESS FIRMS IN CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES. AFTER THE 2-YEAR PERIOD OF ANY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A REPORT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM TOGETHER WITH ANY APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBSECTION, "MINORITY BUSINESS FIRM" MEANS A BUSINESS FIRM AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF WHICH IS OWNED BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS, OR, IN THE CASE OF A PUBLICLY OWNED BUSINESS, AT LEAST 51 PERCENT OF THE STOCK OF WHICH IS OWNED BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS. "MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS" INCLUDES FEMALES, BLACKS (NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN), HISPANICS, AMERICAN INDIANS, ALASKAN NATIVES, ASIANS, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS.

(B) All [such] contracts may be protected by [such] bonds, penalties, and conditions [as] REQUIRED BY the commission [shall require], all of which [shall be] ARE enforceable in any court having jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act, including any class provided for under subsection 3-2-~~(b)~~ (a), or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 1981, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 29, 1979.