

hereby transferred, with amendments, to be Section(s) 8-601, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Purchases for Minority Businesses", of the new Article 21 - Procurement, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 21 - PROCUREMENT

SUBTITLE 6. PURCHASES FOR MINORITY BUSINESSES

[14G.] 8-601.

(a) In this [section] SUBTITLE the following words have the meanings indicated:

(1) "Department" means the ~~State-Departments--of Education,~~ UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, THE DEPARTMENTS OF General Services, and Transportation, the University of Maryland, the Maryland Food Authority, and the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction.

(2) "Minority business enterprise" means any legal entity, other than a joint venture, organized to engage in commercial transactions which is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more minority persons, or a nonprofit entity organized to promote the interests of the physically or mentally disabled.

(3) "Minority person" means a member of a socially or economically disadvantaged minority group, which for purposes of this [section] SUBTITLE includes Blacks (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska natives, Asians, Pacific Islanders, women, and the physically or mentally disabled.

(b) (1) Each department, except the Department of Transportation AS TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, shall structure its procedures for [purchasing materials, supplies, equipment, and services including construction services,] PROCURING SUPPLIES, SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION to attempt to achieve, consistent with the preamble to this [section] SUBTITLE, the result that a minimum of 10 percent of the total dollar value of such [purchases] PROCUREMENTS are made directly or indirectly from minority business enterprises.

(2) The Department of Transportation shall structure its procedures for [purchasing] PROCURING construction [services] to attempt to achieve, consistent with the preamble to this [section] SUBTITLE, the result of minority business participation of a minimum of 10 percent of the dollar value of [contract] CONTRACTS in excess of \$100,000 on the prime or subcontract level. In so doing, the Department of Transportation shall take into consideration the practical severability of the construction [services] PROJECTS.

(c) Each department shall report to the General Assembly and the State Office of Minority Business