

BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, IN THE AMOUNT OF AT LEAST 10 percent of the dollar value of 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 projects.

(c) Each department shall report to the General Assembly and the State Office of Minority Business Enterprise by July 31 of each year beginning in 1979, the total number and value of its purchases from minority business enterprises, and the percentage which those purchases represent of its total number and value of its purchases for the preceding fiscal year.

(d) A department may suspend the provisions of subsection (b) if it concludes they conflict with any applicable federal program requirement. Any such suspension shall be in writing and shall be included with the report required by subsection (c).

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