

(E) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT:

(I) FRAUDULENTLY OBTAIN, RETAIN, ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN, OR AID ANOTHER IN FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING OR RETAINING OR ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN CERTIFICATION AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) WILLFULLY MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT, WHETHER BY AFFIDAVIT, REPORT, OR OTHER REPRESENTATION, TO A STATE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING THE CERTIFICATION OR DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION OF ANY ENTITY AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE; OR

(III) WILLFULLY OBSTRUCT, IMPEDE, OR ATTEMPT TO OBSTRUCT OR IMPEDE ANY STATE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE WHO IS INVESTIGATING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A BUSINESS ENTITY WHICH HAS REQUESTED CERTIFICATION AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE; ; OR

(IV) FRAUDULENTLY OBTAIN, ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN, OR AID ANOTHER PERSON IN FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING OR ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN, PUBLIC MONEYS TO WHICH THE PERSON IS NOT ENTITLED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS, OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000, OR BOTH.

~~(G)~~ (F) A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY MAKE FALSE STATEMENTS THAT ANY ENTITY IS OR IS NOT CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS, OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500, OR BOTH.

[(e)] ~~(H)~~ (G) This subtitle shall have no further force and effect after June 30, 1983; EXCEPT THAT THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE PROSECUTION AFTER JUNE 30, 1983 OF ANY VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE WHICH OCCURRED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1983.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

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