

(a) Notwithstanding other provisions of this article, supplies and services of the handicapped shall be purchased by the State in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) (1) The term "handicapped" refers to an individual or class of individuals under a physical disability (including blindness) or mental disability, which constitutes a substantial handicap to employment and is of such a nature as to prevent the individual under such disability from currently engaging in normal competitive employment.

(2) The term "~~charitable--nonprofit--agency--for--the~~ handicapped SHELTERED WORKSHOP" means an agency organized under the laws of the United States and the State of Maryland operated in the interest of handicapped individuals, and the net income of which does not inure in part, or in whole, to the benefit of any shareholder or other individual and is certified as a sheltered workshop by the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor.

(3) "PRICING AND SELECTION COMMITTEE" MEANS THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM CERTIFIED SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

[(c) [The] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, THE Secretary of General Services shall have the power, and it shall be his duty, to determine the fair market price on all suitable supplies manufactured by the handicapped and services rendered by the handicapped and offered for sale to the State or any of its agencies by any charitable nonprofit agency for the handicapped, incorporated under the laws of this State, and manufacturing merchandise and providing services within this State, and approved for such purpose by the Department of General Services to revise such prices from time to time, in accordance with changing market conditions, and to make rules and regulations regarding specifications, time of delivery and other relevant matters as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. At the request of the Secretary of General Services and with the approval of the Superintendent of Education or other nonprofit making agencies, the Department of General Services shall facilitate the distribution of orders and services among agencies for the handicapped.]

~~(D)~~ (C) (1) THE PRICING AND SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS SHALL:

(I) SELECT APPROPRIATE GOODS AND SERVICES FROM THE STATE PROCUREMENT LIST AND PROVIDE THAT THE STATE PROCURE THE SELECTED GOODS AND SERVICES FROM ELIGIBLE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS;

(II) DETERMINE THE FAIR MARKET PRICE OF ANY GOODS AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE STATE BY ELIGIBLE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS;