

CHAPTER 193

(House Bill 259)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Purchases from
Minority Businesses

FOR the purpose of continuing until a certain date the provisions of the State Procurement Law relating to purchases from minority businesses; altering the composition of the agencies covered by the 10 percent purchase goal; specifying that agencies not covered by the 10 percent goal shall structure their procurement procedures in a certain manner; specifying certain reporting requirements; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to procurements by the State from minority business enterprises.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 21 - Procurement
Section 8-601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland enacted Chapter 575 of 1978 for the purposes set out in the Preamble of that enactment (which Preamble is incorporated by reference in this enactment) and in order to bring greater numbers of minority-owned businesses into the State's procurement process; and

WHEREAS, That law has resulted in substantial increases in the number and total dollar amounts of State procurement contracts or subcontracts being let to businesses owned and operated by members of certain socially or economically disadvantaged population groups; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly believes that the Minority Business Law should be continued for at least 5 more years, but with annual oversight by appropriate committees of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, All State agencies that contract for services, supplies, or construction should take steps to encourage participation by minority businesses in their procurement procedures; now, therefore,