

(c) "Small business preference" means a purchase request for which bids are invited from a list of qualified bidders that includes small businesses.

14-202.

(a) This subtitle applies to procurement of supplies, services, and construction related services by:

- (1) the Department of General Services;
- (2) the Department of Transportation;
- (3) the University System of Maryland; [and]
- (4) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

[(4)] (5) as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in connection with construction of a State correctional facility under § 12-107 of this article.

14-203.

(a) By regulation, the Secretary of General Services, the Secretary of Transportation, [and] the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, AND THE PRESIDENT OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY each shall specify the criteria that a business must meet to qualify as a small business.

(b) (1) The criteria for qualification as a small business may vary among industries to reflect their particular characteristics.

(2) Regulations adopted under this section shall include, for each class of business, the maximum number of employees a business may have to qualify as a small business.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

CHAPTER 256

(Senate Bill 447)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Services - Cost-of-Living Adjustment

FOR the purpose of requiring that, subject to a certain limitation, in certain fiscal years the fees paid by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to a community developmental disabilities services provider or a community mental health services provider for providing certain services be adjusted annually by a