

(b) "Small business" means a business that meets the qualifications established under § 14-203 of this subtitle.

(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.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1559 – *Vehicle Laws – Weight Violations on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Penalties*.

This bill establishes fines for specified vehicle weight limit violations on the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial (Chesapeake Bay) Bridge or its appurtenant approaches