

CHAPTER 807

(House Bill 1610)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Sheltered Workshops

FOR the purpose of amending the definition of "sheltered workshop" to require that any sheltered workshop must be accredited by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to be eligible for a certain contracting preference under the State procurement law; altering the membership of the pricing and selection committee for sheltered workshops; and generally relating to sheltered workshops.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 18-201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Finance and Procurement

18-201.

(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 "sheltered workshop" means an agency organized under the laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, ACCREDITED BY THE DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 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 supplies and services from certified sheltered workshops.