

(B) "BUSINESS" MEANS ANY CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, INDIVIDUAL, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, JOINT VENTURE, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY THROUGH WHICH COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IS CONDUCTED.

(C) "CONVICTION" INCLUDES AN ACCEPTED PLEA OF NOLO CONTENDERE.

(D) "PERSON" HAS THE SAME MEANING PROVIDED IN § 11-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(E) "SUBDIVISION" MEANS ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IN THE STATE AND INCLUDES A BICOUNTY OR MULTICOUNTY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE.

12-102. DEBARMENT FOR BRIBERY, ATTEMPTED BRIBERY, CONSPIRACY TO BRIBE, ETC.

(A) A PERSON SHALL BE OR IS DISQUALIFIED FROM ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE, OR ANY SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, IF THE PERSON HAS BEEN CONVICTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27 OF THE CODE, IN FURTHERANCE OF OBTAINING A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS SUBDIVISIONS, OF:

- (1) BRIBERY;
- (2) ATTEMPTED BRIBERY; OR
- (3) CONSPIRACY TO BRIBE.

(B) A PERSON IS SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION FROM ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE, OR ANY SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED IN § 12-104 OF THIS ARTICLE, IF THE PERSON:

(1) HAS BEEN CONVICTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27 OF THE CODE FOR ACTS NOT RESULTING IN DISQUALIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION OR UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE OR OF THE UNITED STATES, OF:

- (I) BRIBERY;
- (II) ATTEMPTED BRIBERY; OR
- (III) CONSPIRACY TO BRIBE; OR

(2) DURING THE COURSE OF AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION OR OTHER PROCEEDING HAS ADMITTED, IN WRITING OR UNDER OATH, ACTS OR OMISSIONS THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE BRIBERY, ATTEMPTED BRIBERY, OR CONSPIRACY TO BRIBE UNDER ARTICLE 27 OF THE CODE.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ACTS OR OMISSIONS OCCURRING PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1977.

12-103. NOTICE OF DISQUALIFICATION.