

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved April 29, 1986.

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CHAPTER 212

(House Bill 542)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Purchases from Minority Businesses - Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for violations of certain provisions of State procurement law concerning purchases from minority businesses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement  
Section 18-601(e) and (f)  
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

18-601.

(e) (1) A person may not:

(i) Fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a minority business enterprise for the purposes of this subtitle;

(ii) Willfully make a false statement, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a State official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a minority business enterprise;

(iii) Willfully obstruct, impede, or attempt to obstruct or impede any State official or employee who is investigating the qualifications of a business entity which has requested certification as a minority business enterprise; or

(iv) Fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain, or aid another person in fraudulently obtaining or attempting to