

(e) (1) It is a violation of this section to:

(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 section;

(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 obtain, public moneys to which the person is not entitled under this subtitle.

(2) Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a felony and upon conviction is subject to imprisonment for a period of not more than 5 years, or a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both.

(3) (i) Any person convicted of having violated a provision of this subsection or who has admitted, in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceeding, acts or omissions which would constitute grounds for conviction is subject to the procedures for debarment from consideration for or the award of State contracts in accordance with general debarment regulations adopted by the Board.

(ii) Upon a finding of a violation pursuant to the general debarment regulations, the person shall be debarred for any period determined by the Board to be appropriate under the circumstances.

(f) (1) It is a violation of this section to make false statements that any entity is or is not certified as a minority business enterprise for purposes of this section.

(2) Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to imprisonment for a period of not more than 1 year, or a fine of not more than \$2,500, or both.

(g) This section shall have no further force and effect after June 30, 1988; except that this subsection does not