

title "Title 16. Debarment of Contractors", and the subtitles "Subtitle 1. Debarment for Offenders Other Than Bribery" and "Subtitle 2. Debarment From State and Local Contracts - Bribery" of Article - State Finance and Procurement of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Finance and Procurement

14-308.

(a) (1) A person may not:

(i) fraudulently obtain, hold, or attempt to obtain or hold certification;

(ii) aid another person in performing an act prohibited under item (i) of this paragraph;

(iii) willfully obstruct, impede, or attempt to obstruct or impede a State official or employee investigating the qualifications of a business entity that has requested certification;

(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; or

(v) in any minority business enterprise matter administered under this subtitle:

1. willfully falsify, conceal, or cover up a material fact by any scheme or device;

2. make a false or fraudulent statement or representation; or

3. use a false writing or document that the person knows to contain a false or fraudulent statement or entry.

(2) A person who violates any provision of this subsection is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or both.

[(3) A person who is convicted under this subsection or, during the course of an official investigation or other proceeding, admits in writing or under oath, acts or omissions