

(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.

(b) (1) A person may not make a false statement about whether an entity has certification.

(2) A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

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THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 14-301 THROUGH 14-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THOSE SECTIONS, SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT AND MAY NOT BE ENFORCED AFTER JULY 1, 2000.

#### Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1990

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and at the end of June 30, 1995, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Certification Agency, in consultation with the General Assembly, shall initiate a study of the Minority Business Enterprise Program to evaluate the Program's continued compliance with the requirements of the Croson decision and any subsequent federal or constitutional requirements. The study shall also evaluate race neutral programs and other methods that can be used to address the needs of minority businesses. The final report on the study shall be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly prior to September 30, 1999 so that the General Assembly may review the report prior to the 2000 Session.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 30, 1995.