

CHAPTER 501

(House Bill 1191)

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement — Preferences for Resident Bidders Law - Application to Maryland Port Administration and Modification of the Reciprocal Preference Program

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which resident bidders for State procurement contracts may be given preference in the procurement process; exempting the Maryland Port Administration from certain provisions of the State procurement law for limited purposes and for a limited period; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining a term; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to preferences given in the State procurement process and a limited exemption of the certain provisions of the procurement law for the Maryland Port Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 14-401

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Finance and Procurement

14-401.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Preference" includes:

(i) a percentage preference;

(ii) an employee residency requirement; or

(iii) any other provision that favors a resident over a nonresident.

(3) "Resident bidder" means a bidder whose principal office is located in the State.

(4) "SERVICES" MEANS SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES, ENGINEERING SERVICES, OR ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT SERVICES, ALL AS DEFINED IN § 11-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.