

and, at the end of December 31, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 619

(House Bill 592)

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement - Information Technology - Nonvisual Access

FOR the purpose of requiring the Chief of Information Technology in the Department of Budget and Management to issue and enforce nonvisual access standards to be used in the procurement of information technology and the provision of information technology services by or on behalf of units of State government; requiring the adoption of the standards on or before a certain date; requiring the inclusion of a nonvisual access clause in each solicitation for bids or request for a proposal relating to a procurement or modification of a procurement; requiring the Chief and the Information Technology Board within the Department to extend a requirement that a nonvisual access clause be used in certain procurement to apply the requirement to the procurement of information technology services; providing an exception to a provision removing the need for a nonvisual access clause where nonvisual access requires a modification for compatibility with software and hardware; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to adopt standards for electronic equipment used by State employees or the public that are compatible with the nonvisual access procurement standards; defining a certain term; and generally relating to nonvisual access standards for the procurement of information technology and information technology services by units of State government and the use of electronic equipment by State employees and the public.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-402, 3-410, 3-412, and 4-312

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 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

3-402.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Board" means the Information Technology Board.