

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 210 – Procurement – Minority Business Participation.

This bill alters the goal for the percentage of the total dollar value of procurement contracts with minority business enterprises and extends the Minority Business Participation program to July 1, 2006. The bill also requires a study, due by September 30, 2005, to evaluate the program's compliance with the Croson decision, and any race neutral or other methods to address the needs of minority businesses.

House Bill 306, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 210.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 210

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Minority Business Participation

FOR the purpose of continuing until a certain date the provisions of the State Procurement Law relating to procurement from minority businesses; altering the percentage of the total dollar value of procurement by units of State government that is made directly or indirectly from certified minority businesses which units of State government are to seek to achieve; altering certain provisions relating to the structure of procurement procedures by units of State government; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; authorizing ~~a certain certification agency~~ the Board of Public Works to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Board of Public Works to designate that certain information is confidential under certain circumstances; authorizing the certification agency to provide certain information to certain persons for certain purposes; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations under certain circumstances; altering certain reporting requirements; requiring ~~a certain study~~ studies and the issuance of ~~a certain report~~ reports by ~~a certain date~~ dates; requiring the Board of Public Works to study and report on the establishment of a certain process for creating certain incentives for achieving