

Chancellor of the University System of Maryland to establish a percentage price preference, not to exceed 5%, for the purchase of products made from recycled materials.

(c) A percentage price preference under this section may not be used in conjunction with any other percentage price preference established under this title.

(d) (1) To encourage the maximum purchase of commodities utilizing recycled materials, the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, the University of Maryland, the Maryland Environmental Service, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and as necessary with representatives of the recycling industry and environmental organizations, shall establish a list of acceptable products which contain recycled materials.

(2) The list shall be published for use by State agencies at least twice each year.

(e) By January 1, 1991, each State unit shall review the procurement specifications currently used by the unit and, to the extent practicable, require the use of a percentage price preference in their purchase of supplies and commodities containing recycled materials.

(f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, this section is broadly applicable to all procurements by the State if the quality of the product is consistent with the requirements of the bid specifications.

(2) Only to the extent necessary to prevent the denial of federal moneys or eliminate the inconsistency with federal law, this section does not apply to a procurement by the State if the procurement officer determines that compliance with this section would:

- (i) cause denial of federal moneys; or
- (ii) be inconsistent with the requirements of federal law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2003.

Approved April 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 93

(Senate Bill 477)

AN ACT concerning

Small Business Health Insurance Affordability Act

FOR the purpose of specifying the manner in which certain health insurance benefits must be offered to certain employers; lowering the rate cap for certain health