

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, The State of Maryland consistently awards contracts for the provision of services that are vital to its citizens; and~~

~~WHEREAS, A disturbing trend is developing where contractors and subcontractors under service contracts awarded by state governments employ persons in foreign countries to perform these vital services; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Persons performing these service contracts in foreign countries are often paid wages that are significantly below the minimum wage in the United States; and~~

~~WHEREAS, These cost cutting measures are usurping jobs for Americans in slow economic times; now, therefore,~~

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

Article - State Finance and Procurement

11-203.

(b) (1) (i) The following provisions of this Division II apply to each procurement enumerated in subsection (a) of this section:

1. § 11-205 of this subtitle ("Fraud in procurement");
2. § 12-204 of this article ("Board approval for designated contracts");
3. Title 12, Subtitle 2 of this article ("Supervision of Capital Expenditures and Real Property Leases");
4. § 13-219 of this article ("Required clauses - Nondiscrimination clause");
5. § 13-221 of this article ("Disclosures to Secretary of State");
6. Title 16 of this article ("Debarment of Contractors"); [and]
7. Title 17 of this article ("Special Provisions - State and Local Subdivisions"); AND
8. § 14-407 OF THIS ARTICLE ("FOREIGN CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES").

(d) Except as provided in Title 14, Subtitle 3 AND § 14-407 of this article, this Division II does not apply to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System for:

- (1) services of managers to invest the assets of the State Retirement and Pension System, including real and personal property;