

House Bill No. 811

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Percentage Price Preference – Environmentally Preferable Products or Equipment

FOR the purpose of providing a certain price preference for environmentally preferable products or equipment under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain regulations concerning the establishment of a certain percentage price preference; requiring certain units of State government to establish a list of acceptable environmentally preferable products or equipment; requiring each unit of State government to review certain procurement specifications and, to the extent practicable, require the use of a percentage price preference in their purchase of environmentally preferable products or equipment; defining a certain term; repealing certain obsolete language; and generally relating to a percentage price preference for the procurement of environmentally preferable products or equipment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 14-405

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 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

14-405.

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

(2) “ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PRODUCTS OR EQUIPMENT” MEANS PRODUCTS, INCLUDING SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED AND DESIGNED FOR UTILIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH A BROAD RANGE OF MEASURES THAT PREVENT OR MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, INCLUDING:

(I) RECYCLING;

(II) RESOURCE CONSERVATION;

(III) SOURCE REDUCTION;

(IV) USE OF COMPONENTS THAT ARE FREE OF TOXIC OR DEGRADING AGENTS OR CONTAIN THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TOXIC OR DEGRADING AGENTS NECESSARY TO MEET APPLICABLE JOB SPECIFICATIONS;

(V) USE OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY; ~~AND~~

(VI) USE OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES; AND