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

**Article – State Finance and Procurement**

14–301.

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

(i) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, “socially and economically disadvantaged individual” means a citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States who is:

(i) in any of the following minority groups:

1. African American – an individual having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

2. American Indian/Native American – an individual having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who is a documented member of a North American tribe, band, or otherwise has a special relationship with the United States or a state through treaty, agreement, or some other form of recognition. This includes an individual who claims to be an American Indian/Native American and who is regarded as such by the American Indian/Native American community of which the individual claims to be a part, but does not include an individual of Eskimo or Aleutian origin;

3. Asian – an individual having origins in the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, and who is regarded as such by the community of which the person claims to be a part;

4. Hispanic – an individual of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race, and who is regarded as such by the community of which the person claims to be a part;

5. physically or mentally disabled – an individual who has an impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity, who is regarded generally by the community as having such a disability, and whose disability has substantially limited his or her ability to engage in competitive business; or