

CHAPTER 591

(Senate Bill 240)

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement - Information Technology - Nonvisual Access

FOR the purpose of requiring the Chief of Information Technology in the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with certain persons, to develop for inclusion in State procurement contracts, after a certain date, a clause regarding nonvisual access to information technology; providing certain exceptions; defining a certain term; requiring that each procurement contract include a clause covering the requirements for nonvisual access to information technology; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the inclusion of a clause regarding nonvisual access in each invitation for bids or request for proposals for information technology under the State procurement law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-402 and 13-218(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-412

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 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

3-402.

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

(b) "Board" means the Information Technology Board.

(c) "Chief" means the Chief of Information Technology.

(d) "Information technology" means all electronic information processing hardware and software, including:

(1) maintenance;

(2) telecommunications; and