CHAPTER 575

(House Bill 881)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Preference Procurement Program for Sheltered Workshops - Individual With Disability Owned Businesses

FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility in the preference procurement program for sheltered workshops within the Department of General Services to include a specified entity business; defining the entity business and specifying requirements for the entity business to qualify to participate in the program; requiring the State or certain State aided or controlled entities to buy certain supplies and services from certain businesses under certain circumstances; requiring a specified committee to establish and review specified eligibility guidelines for participation in the program; requiring the committee to maintain and periodically review and revise a specified list of entities certain sheltered workshops and businesses eligible for the program; and generally relating to the preference procurement program for sheltered workshops and individual with disability owned businesses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - State Finance and Procurement Section 14-101, 14-103, 14-106, 14-107, and 14-108 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 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

14-101.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (B) "INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY OWNED BUSINESS" MEANS AN ENTITY A BUSINESS:
- (1) THAT IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THIS STATE;