

Chapter 119

(House Bill 788)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Small Business Reserve Program – Program Oversight and Continuation

FOR the purpose of designating the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs rather than the Department of General Services as the agency responsible for adopting certain regulations to establish procedures for compiling and maintaining a certain bidder’s list of qualified small businesses that is to be posted on the Internet; repealing the requirement that the Department of General Services post a certain list on the Department’s Web site; requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to establish certain guidelines, ensure agency compliance, provide certain training and assistance to agency personnel, and collect certain data relating to the Small Business Reserve Program; repealing a certain termination provision that applies to the Small Business Reserve Program; and generally relating to oversight and continuation of the Small Business Reserve Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 Section 14–503
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Chapter 75 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004, as amended by Chapter 514 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007 and Chapter 22 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010
 Section 2

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

14–503.

(a) ~~The Department of General Services~~ **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS** shall adopt regulations to establish procedures for compiling and maintaining a comprehensive bidder’s list of qualified small businesses that shall be posted on the ~~Department’s Web site~~ **INTERNET**.

(b) **THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS SHALL:**

(1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION;

(2) ENSURE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM;

(3) PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AGENCY PERSONNEL; AND

(4) COLLECT DATA REGARDING THE STATE'S UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE VENDORS.

(C) Each designated procurement unit shall ensure compliance with the regulations set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

Chapter 75 of the Acts of 2004, as amended by Chapter 514 of the Acts of 2007 and Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2010

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004. [It shall remain effective for a period of 12 years and, at the end of September 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act, and any regulations adopted under the provisions of this Act, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.