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By: **The President (Administration)**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Procurement - Minority Business Participation - Sunset Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of continuing until a certain date certain provisions of the State  
4 Procurement Law relating to procurement from minority businesses; requiring  
5 a certain study and the issuance of a certain report by a certain date; and  
6 generally relating to minority business participation in State procurement.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
9 Section 14-309  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Chapter 116 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995  
14 Section 2

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

17 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

18 14-309.

19 The provisions of §§ 14-301 through 14-305 of this subtitle, and any regulations  
20 adopted under those sections, shall be of no effect and may not be enforced after July  
21 1, [2000] 2001.

22 **Chapter 116 of the Acts of 1995**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Certification Agency,  
24 in consultation with the General Assembly, shall initiate a study of the Minority  
25 Business Enterprise Program to evaluate the Program's continued compliance with  
26 the requirements of the Croson decision and any subsequent federal or constitutional  
27 requirements. The study shall also evaluate race neutral programs and other

1 methods that can be used to address the needs of minority businesses. The final  
2 report on the study shall be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee of the  
3 General Assembly prior to September 30, [1999] 2000 so that the General Assembly  
4 may review the report prior to the [2000] 2001 Session.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 2000.