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House Bill 95 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Transportation)
Commerce and Government Matters Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Procurement - Department of Transportation - Supplies and Services for
Aeronautics Related Activities**

This departmental bill enables the Department of Transportation (MDOT) to procure supplies and services for aeronautics related activities, including motor vehicles and information processing supplies and services, without the approval of the Departments of Budget and Management and/or General Services. Excluded are supplies funded by general obligation bonds, insurance, and banking and financial services under the authority of the State Treasurer.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources. There is no direct impact on expenditures or revenues. There will be an increase in administrative efficiency associated with certain procurements.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill will have minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: There are eight primary procurement units in the State: the State Treasurer; the Department of Budget and Management (DBM); the Department of General Services (DGS); the Department of Transportation (MDOT); the University System of Maryland (USM); the Maryland Port Commission; the Department of Public

Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS); and the Morgan State University (MSU). Subject to the authority of the Board of Public Works (BPW), each primary procurement unit, except USM, has specific jurisdiction over the types of goods and services for which the unit may engage in or control the procurement.

A primary procurement unit cannot procure goods or services for which the procurement is controlled by another primary procurement unit. For example, DGS may engage in or control the procurement of supplies; DBM may control the procurement of motor vehicle leases and information processing equipment and related services, and MDOT may procure only if related to transportation (i.e., construction, construction related services, architectural or engineering services, and rolling stock or other property peculiar to a transit system).

Consequently, to acquire supplies and services for aeronautics related activities, MDOT must have the procurements approved or handled by DGS or DBM depending on the goods or services.

State Fiscal Effect: There is no direct impact on State expenditures for the procurement of supplies and services for aeronautics related activities. There are administrative efficiencies associated with permitting MDOT to purchase certain goods and services directly. Procurements for aeronautics related goods may also be expedited by the increased efficiency in procurement.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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