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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Personal Net Worth**  
3                                   **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, under certain circumstances, the decertification of a  
5 minority business enterprise that is controlled to a certain extent by an  
6 individual whose personal net worth exceeds a certain dollar amount; requiring  
7 certain regulations adopted by the Board of Public Works establishing a  
8 graduation program for minority business enterprises to take into account a  
9 certain prohibition on decertification under certain circumstances; providing for  
10 the application of this Act; and generally relating to minority business  
11 enterprises.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
14 Section 14-301(i) and 14-303(b)(12)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

19                                   **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

20 14-301.

21       (i)       (1)       Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, "socially and  
22 economically disadvantaged individual" means a citizen or lawfully admitted  
23 permanent resident of the United States who is:

24                                   (i)       in any of the following minority groups:



