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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Minority Business Participation Advisory Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an advisory committee on minority business
4 participation to review the State's minority business enterprise program;
5 establishing guidelines for membership to the advisory committee; defining the
6 duties of the advisory committee; and generally relating to the Minority
7 Business Participation Advisory Committee.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 14-309
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - State Finance and Procurement
15 Section 14-309
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

21 14-309.

22 (A) THERE IS A MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

23 (B) THE MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
24 CONSISTS OF NINE MEMBERS:

25 (1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
26 THE SENATE;

1 (2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
2 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES; AND

3 (3) SEVEN MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WHO
4 DEMONSTRATE AN EXPERTISE AND INTEREST IN MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE,
5 AND WHO REPRESENT THE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS AND ETHNIC GROUPS
6 WITHIN THE STATE.

7 (C) (1) THE TERM OF THE APPOINTED MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

8 (2) AT THE END OF A TERM, THE APPOINTED MEMBER CONTINUES TO
9 SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

10 (3) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES
11 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
12 QUALIFIES.

13 (D) THE MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL
14 ANNUALLY ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY
15 COMMITTEE.

16 (E) THE MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL:

17 (1) REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF STATE AGENCIES IN MEETING THE
18 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM GOALS;

19 (2) IDENTIFY STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE STATE'S MINORITY
20 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM; AND

21 (3) RECOMMEND MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE STATE'S MINORITY
22 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.

23 (F) THE MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL
24 SUBMIT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
25 SECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS AND THE JOINT
26 COMMITTEE ON FAIR PRACTICES ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004 AND ANNUALLY
27 THEREAFTER.

28 [14-309.] 14-310.

29 The provisions of §§ 14-301 through 14-305 of this subtitle, and any regulations
30 adopted under those sections, shall be of no effect and may not be enforced after July
31 1, 2006.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 June 1, 2003.