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(Montgomery County Delegation and
Prince George's County Delegation)

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**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Minority Business
Enterprise Utilization Program
MC/PG 112-03**

This bill extends from September 30, 2003, to September 30, 2008, the authority of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to administer a Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program. It also requires an annual report to be completed by October 31 of each year that evaluates program results through June 30 of that year. Obsolete language referring to an internal study and a one-time annual report is repealed.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill would not materially affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: M-NCPPC was to complete a study by December 15, 2000, to assess whether a minority business enterprise program for its contracting and procurement processes should be established, and what the appropriate scope of such a program would

be. Study results were to be reported to the Montgomery County and Prince George's County delegations and to the General Assembly.

"Minority" is defined as any group that M-NCPPC finds to be socially or economically disadvantaged vis-à-vis its contracting or procurement processes, and M-NCPPC is authorized to develop regulations to implement, and terminate, any program established.

By August 15, 2000, M-NCPPC was to issue a report on the implementation and administration of the program through May 31, 2000, and make appropriate recommendations to the Montgomery County and Prince George's County delegations of the General Assembly.

Background: M-NCPPC has an established Minority, Female, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program and reports that the bill's provisions can be implemented with existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: To the extent that small businesses are eligible for and participate in M-NCPPC's current program, they could benefit from increased awards for goods, services, and construction for an additional five-year period.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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