

SENATE BILL 772

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By: **Senators Pugh and McFadden**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Procurement – Structuring and Bundling of Procurements**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a unit of State government subject to the State
4 procurement law from structuring or bundling a procurement for the purpose of
5 precluding or limiting participation by certain entities; and generally relating to
6 prohibitions governing the structuring or bundling of a procurement.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – State Finance and Procurement
9 Section 11–201
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 11–201.

16 (a) The purposes and policies of this Division II include:

17 (1) providing for increased confidence in State procurement;

18 (2) ensuring fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with
19 the State procurement system;

20 (3) providing safeguards for maintaining a State procurement system
21 of quality and integrity;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) fostering effective broad-based competition in the State through
2 support of the free enterprise system;

3 (5) promoting increased long-term economic efficiency and
4 responsibility in the State by encouraging the use of recycled materials;

5 (6) providing increased economy in the State procurement system;

6 (7) getting the maximum benefit from the purchasing power of the
7 State;

8 (8) simplifying, clarifying, and modernizing the law that governs State
9 procurement;

10 (9) allowing the continued development of procurement regulations,
11 policies, and practices in the State; and

12 (10) promoting development of uniform State procurement procedures
13 to the extent possible.

14 (b) Unless otherwise indicated, this Division II shall be construed liberally
15 and applied to promote the purposes and policies enumerated in subsection (a) of this
16 section.

17 (c) If a provision of this Division II is inconsistent with a federal law,
18 regulation, or grant agreement or other federal requirement that governs procurement
19 or a procurement contract or with the terms of a gift, as defined in Article 1, § 22 of the
20 Code, the federal requirement or the terms of the gift control the procurement or
21 procurement contract.

22 **(D) A UNIT SUBJECT TO THIS DIVISION II MAY NOT STRUCTURE OR**
23 **BUNDLE A PROCUREMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF:**

24 **(1) PRECLUDING PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY BUSINESS**
25 **ENTERPRISES UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

26 **(2) LIMITING THE NUMBER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDERS OR**
27 **OFFERORS; OR**

28 **(3) LIMITING PARTICIPATION TO A PREDETERMINED GROUP OF**
29 **BIDDERS OR OFFERORS.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2008.