

**SB0549/476883/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 549  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 20, insert:

“Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland small businesses are an integral component and driving force for job creation and economic security; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Small Business Reserve Program plays a key role in supporting Maryland small businesses, creating a forum for fostering increased competitive opportunities for growth; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Small Business Reserve Program is also an important race-neutral program intended to reduce the impact of discrimination against minority- and women-owned businesses, especially those businesses seeking to become prime contractors, and to promote the development of competitive and economically viable minority- and women-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Increasing opportunities for more small business through increased participation in the Small Business Reserve Program is in the best interest of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, In order to meet its objectives, the structure, composition, and requirements of participation in the Small Business Reserve Program must be accessible and fair, and structured to create a fair competitive environment for all potential program participants; now, therefore.”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 22, after “Services” insert “, in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and the Maryland Department of Transportation, shall study the Small Business Reserve Program to evaluate the Program’s structure, composition, and requirements for participation and its impact and”; and strike beginning with the first “the” in line 25 down through “Program” in line 26, and substitute “recommendations concerning the changes enacted by this Act to the requirements for participation in the Program, including the Program’s financial and employment guidelines, and additional legislation to implement any recommended changes”.