

SENATE BILL 549

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senators Montgomery, Benson, Colburn, Mathias, Ramirez, ~~and Raskin~~ Raskin, and Rosapepe**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Small Business Reserve Program – Definition of Small Business – Revision**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “small business” under the Small
4 Business Reserve Program under the State procurement law; including small
5 businesses that meet either the limitation on employees employed by the
6 business or the limitation on gross sales of the business under the Small
7 Business Reserve Program; requiring the Department of General Services to
8 report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain
9 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
10 Small Business Reserve Program.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Section 14–501(a)
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 5 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 6 Section 14–501(c)
 7 Annotated Code of Maryland
 8 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

9 Preamble

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

30 14–501.

31 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

32 (c) “Small business” means:

33 (1) a certified minority business enterprise, as defined in § 14–301 of
 34 this title, that meets the criteria specified under paragraph (2) of this subsection; or

1 (2) a business, other than a broker, that meets the following criteria:

2 (i) the business is independently owned and operated;

3 (ii) the business is not a subsidiary of another business;

4 (iii) the business is not dominant in its field of operation; AND

5 (iv) 1. A. the wholesale operations of the business did not
6 employ more than 50 persons[, and the gross sales of the business did not exceed an
7 average of \$4,000,000] in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;

8 [(v)] B. the retail operations of the business did not employ
9 more than 25 persons[, and the gross sales of the business did not exceed an average
10 of \$3,000,000] in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;

11 [(vi)] C. the manufacturing operations of the business did not
12 employ more than 100 persons[, and the gross sales of the business did not exceed an
13 average of \$2,000,000] in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;

14 [(vii)] D. the service operations of the business did not employ
15 more than 100 persons[, and the gross sales of the business did not exceed an average
16 of \$10,000,000] in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;

17 [(viii)] E. the construction operations of the business did
18 not employ more than 50 persons[, and the gross sales of the business did not exceed
19 an average of \$7,000,000] in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years; and

20 [(ix)] F. the architectural and engineering services of the
21 business did not employ more than 100 persons[, and the gross sales of the business
22 did not exceed an average of \$4,500,000] in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;
23 OR

24 2. A. THE GROSS SALES OF THE WHOLESALE
25 OPERATIONS OF THE BUSINESS DID NOT EXCEED AN AVERAGE OF \$4,000,000 IN
26 ITS MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED 3 FISCAL YEARS;

27 B. THE GROSS SALES OF THE RETAIL OPERATIONS
28 OF THE BUSINESS DID NOT EXCEED AN AVERAGE OF \$3,000,000 IN ITS MOST
29 RECENTLY COMPLETED 3 FISCAL YEARS;

1 **C. THE GROSS SALES OF THE MANUFACTURING**
2 **OPERATIONS OF THE BUSINESS DID NOT EXCEED AN AVERAGE OF \$2,000,000 IN**
3 **ITS MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED 3 FISCAL YEARS;**

4 **D. THE GROSS SALES OF THE SERVICE OPERATIONS**
5 **OF THE BUSINESS DID NOT EXCEED AN AVERAGE OF \$10,000,000 IN ITS MOST**
6 **RECENTLY COMPLETED 3 FISCAL YEARS;**

7 **E. THE GROSS SALES OF THE CONSTRUCTION**
8 **OPERATIONS OF THE BUSINESS DID NOT EXCEED AN AVERAGE OF \$7,000,000 IN**
9 **ITS MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED 3 FISCAL YEARS; AND**

10 **F. THE GROSS SALES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL AND**
11 **ENGINEERING SERVICES OF THE BUSINESS DID NOT EXCEED AN AVERAGE OF**
12 **\$4,500,000 IN ITS MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED 3 FISCAL YEARS.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1,
14 2013, the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Governor's Office of
15 Minority Affairs and the Maryland Department of Transportation, shall study the
16 Small Business Reserve Program to evaluate the Program's structure, composition, and
17 requirements for participation and its impact and shall report to the Senate Education,
18 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government
19 Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,
20 on the implementation of this Act and the effect of this Act on small business
21 participation in the Small Business Reserve Program recommendations concerning the
22 changes enacted by this Act to the requirements for participation in the Program,
23 including the Program's financial and employment guidelines, and additional
24 legislation to implement any recommended changes.

25 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
26 effect October 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end
27 of September 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
28 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.