

SENATE BILL 514

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Procurements – Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Programs –**
3 **Certification**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that a county that operates a minority business enterprise
5 utilization program and has a process for the certification of minority business
6 enterprises shall accept as certified a person that holds a certification as a minority
7 business enterprise by the State certification agency; and generally relating to
8 county procurements.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Local Government
11 Section 12–304
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2013 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Local Government**

17 **12–304.**

18 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES.**

19 **(B) A COUNTY THAT OPERATES A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**
20 **UTILIZATION PROGRAM FOR COUNTY PROCUREMENTS AND HAS A PROCESS FOR THE**
21 **CERTIFICATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THAT**
22 **PROGRAM SHALL ACCEPT AS CERTIFIED FOR THE COUNTY PROGRAM ANY PERSON**
23 **THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE BY THE STATE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **CERTIFICATION AGENCY DESIGNATED UNDER § 14-303(B) OF THE STATE FINANCE**
2 **AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2023.