

Chapter 205

(Senate Bill 514)

AN ACT concerning

~~County~~ Local Procurements – Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Programs – Certification

FOR the purpose of requiring that a county or municipality that operates a minority business enterprise utilization program and has a process for the certification of minority business enterprises shall accept as certified a person that holds a certification as a minority business enterprise by the State certification agency; and generally relating to ~~county~~ local procurements.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government
Section ~~12-304~~ 1-404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government

~~12-304.~~ 1-404.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.

(B) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT OPERATES A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PROGRAM FOR COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENTS AND HAS A PROCESS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THAT PROGRAM SHALL ACCEPT AS CERTIFIED FOR THE ~~COUNTY~~ PROGRAM ANY PERSON THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE BY THE STATE CERTIFICATION AGENCY DESIGNATED UNDER § 14-303(B) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2023.