

HOUSE BILL 835

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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable

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Read second time: March 5, 2024

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Procurement – Local Preference**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to enact an
4 ordinance that establishes a local percentage preference for certain procurement
5 contracts; requiring the County Commissioners to comply with certain provisions of
6 law under certain circumstances; and generally relating to procurement preferences
7 in Calvert County.

8 BY adding to

9 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County

10 Section 6–105

11 Article 5 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

12 (2002 Edition and October 2022 Supplement, as amended)

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

15 **Article 5 – Calvert County**

16 **6–105.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
18 **INDICATED.**

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.



1 **(2) “NONRESIDENT BUSINESS” MEANS A BUSINESS WHOSE**
2 **PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY.**

3 **(3) “PRINCIPAL OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE, IN OR OUT OF THE**
4 **STATE, WHERE THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF A DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN**
5 **CORPORATION IS LOCATED AND THAT IS DESIGNATED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OR**
6 **APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE.**

7 **(4) “RESIDENT BUSINESS” MEANS A BUSINESS WHOSE PRINCIPAL**
8 **OFFICE IS IN THE COUNTY.**

9 **(B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING § 6–101(D) OF THIS TITLE, THE COUNTY**
10 **COMMISSIONERS MAY ENACT AN ORDINANCE THAT GIVES A PERCENTAGE**
11 **PREFERENCE UNDER WHICH A QUALIFYING RESIDENT BUSINESS THAT SUBMITS A**
12 **RESPONSIVE BID OR OFFER THAT EXCEEDS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID OR OFFER**
13 **BY A NONRESIDENT BUSINESS BY NOT MORE THAN A SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE MAY**
14 **BE AWARDED THE CONTRACT.**

15 **(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE**
16 **PROVISIONS OF §§ 9–105 AND 9–106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE**
17 **ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND WHEN ENACTING AN ORDINANCE IN**
18 **ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.