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House Bill 508 (Delegate Kerr)
Health and Government Operations

State Procurement Preferences - Blind Industries and Services of Maryland -
Packaging and Repackaging

This bill adds “packaged” and “repackaged” janitorial products to the list of janitorial products that a prime contractor on a maintenance contract with the State (or State aided or controlled entity) must purchase from Blind Industries and Services of Maryland (BISM).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to have a direct effect on State finances but may have a minimal operational effect on State procurement units.

Local Effect: This bill is not expected to materially affect local governmental finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: When the State or a State aided or controlled entity enters into a maintenance contract that includes a component of housekeeping or janitorial services, the contract must include a requirement that the contractor buy janitorial products from BISM if the products are available and BISM makes, manufactures, remanufactures, or assembles those products.

Small Business Effect: Small businesses that provide janitorial supplies may have fewer opportunities to participate as subcontractors or suppliers on State maintenance contracts

to the extent that the bill requires prime contractors to purchase those supplies from BISM instead.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 795 (Senator Mautz) - Budget and Taxation.

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