

HOUSE BILL 1072

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By: **Delegate R. Long**

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Procurement – Preferences – Francis Scott Key Bridge Reconstruction**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain procurement preference in the purchase of
4 supplies or services for State contracts related to the reconstruction of the Francis
5 Scott Key Bridge for certain vendors; and generally relating to the Francis Scott Key
6 Bridge reconstruction and State procurement preferences.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Finance and Procurement

9 Section 14–419

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 **14–419.**

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “LOCAL VENDOR” MEANS A VENDOR LOCATED IN THE
17 6TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

18 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO STATE CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE
19 RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE.

20 (C) A UNIT SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE IN THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES OR
21 SERVICES TO A LOCAL VENDOR AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS
22 SECTION.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(D) (1) IF A UNIT AWARDS A CONTRACT USING COMPETITIVE SEALED**
2 **BIDS UNDER § 13-103 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE UNIT SHALL AWARD THE CONTRACT TO**
3 **A LOCAL VENDOR IF THE LOCAL VENDOR:**

4 **(I) SUBMITS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID; OR**

5 **(II) DOES NOT SUBMIT THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID, BUT THE**
6 **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LOCAL VENDOR BID AND THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID**
7 **SUBMITTED BY A NONLOCAL VENDOR DOES NOT EXCEED 10%.**

8 **(2) IF A UNIT AWARDS A CONTRACT USING COMPETITIVE SEALED**
9 **PROPOSALS UNDER § 13-104 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE UNIT SHALL AWARD THE**
10 **CONTRACT TO A LOCAL VENDOR IF THE LOCAL VENDOR:**

11 **(I) SUBMITS THE RESPONSIVE PROPOSAL THAT IS MOST**
12 **ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE UNIT; OR**

13 **(II) DOES NOT SUBMIT THE RESPONSIVE PROPOSAL THAT IS**
14 **MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE UNIT, BUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE**
15 **PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE LOCAL VENDOR AND THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE**
16 **PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY A NONLOCAL VENDOR DOES NOT EXCEED 10%.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2026.