

# HOUSE BILL 1382

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Procurement – Prohibited Certifications – Boycotts of Foreign Countries**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a procurement officer from requiring a certain certification  
4 from a bidder or offeror or including a certain clause in a State procurement contract  
5 or contract renewal relating to boycotts of foreign countries; and generally relating  
6 to prohibited certifications and State procurement.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Finance and Procurement

9 Section 13–212.2 and 13–230

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 01.01.2017.25, signed by Governor Larry Hogan on  
14 October 23, 2017, prohibits State executive agencies from entering into contracts with  
15 businesses or entities that engage in boycotts of Israel; and

16 WHEREAS, This Executive Order has raised concerns regarding its impact on  
17 freedom of speech, constitutionally protected political expression, and Maryland’s  
18 commitment to upholding civil rights; and

19 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the importance of ensuring State  
20 policies reflect the values of free expression, inclusivity, and nondiscrimination; and

21 WHEREAS, It is essential to review and rectify State policies that may infringe upon  
22 constitutionally protected rights; now, therefore,

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                                   **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

2   **13-212.2.**

3           **A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY NOT REQUIRE A BIDDER OR OFFEROR, AS A**  
4   **CONDITION TO SUBMITTING A BID OR PROPOSAL ON A STATE PROCUREMENT, TO**  
5   **CERTIFY THAT THE BIDDER OR OFFEROR, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS**  
6   **ARTICLE OR UNDER FEDERAL LAW:**

7                   **(1) IS NOT ENGAGING IN A BOYCOTT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY; OR**

8                   **(2) WILL REFRAIN FROM A BOYCOTT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR**  
9   **THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.**

10   **13-230.**

11           **A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY NOT INCLUDE IN A STATE PROCUREMENT**  
12   **CONTRACT, OR RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT, A CLAUSE REQUIRING THE CONTRACTOR**  
13   **TO CERTIFY THAT THE CONTRACTOR, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE**  
14   **OR UNDER FEDERAL LAW:**

15                   **(1) IS NOT ENGAGING IN A BOYCOTT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY; OR**

16                   **(2) WILL REFRAIN FROM A BOYCOTT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR**  
17   **THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.**

18           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 1, 2027,**  
19   **each unit of State government shall:**

20                   **(1) update its procurement policies, guidelines, and procedures to reflect**  
21   **the repeal of Executive Order No. 01.01.2017.25 by means of this Act; and**

22                   **(2) review any contracts or solicitations in conflict with this Act and amend**  
23   **the contract or solicitation.**

24           **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**  
25   **1, 2026.**