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**HB797 Procurement – Small Business Reserve Program – Administration and
Application
Health and Government Operations Committee
March 3, 2021**

Position: Favorable

Background: HB797 would codify the Governor’s 01.01.2021.01 Executive Order to increase small business participation in State procurement.

Comments: HB797 would increase small business participation in State procurement by eliminating the lower dollar threshold so that any contracts up to \$500,000 would be designated for the Small Business Reserve Program. Removing the \$50,000 threshold for contract procurement would provide smaller employers in Maryland with a better seat at the table for chances to do business with the State. As our business community continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, HB797 would provide opportunities for growth and stability for Maryland’s small and local businesses.

The Maryland Retailers Association would urge a favorable report on HB797.
Thank you for your consideration.