



## House Bill 193

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Committee: Budget and Taxation

**Position: Favorable**

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Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners, and we work to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

A transparent and predictable procurement process is essential to ensuring the state attracts broad, competitive participation from businesses of all sizes. House Bill 193 takes meaningful steps toward this goal by requiring timely debriefings for unsuccessful offerors upon request, with clear guidance on the disclosure of relevant information unless legitimately deemed proprietary or privileged. These debriefings will help businesses better understand procurement decisions and improve the quality of future proposals.

The bill also clarifies exemptions and standards related to participation in drafting specifications and responding to competitive solicitations, helping to reduce unnecessary barriers to entry while preserving the integrity of the procurement process. In addition, HB 193 updates contract clauses and change order requirements, including providing for equitable adjustments when changes in law occur, which adds greater predictability for both contractors and the state. Finally, the legislation modernizes protest and contract claim procedures by establishing clearer timelines and documentation standards, promoting consistency and reducing administrative uncertainty.

These improvements will strengthen confidence in Maryland's procurement processes, increase competition, and help ensure that the state receives the best value for public expenditures.

For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a **favorable report on HB 193**.