

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS 2010 LEGISLATIVE WATCH LIST

Below is a list of Bills for the 2010 Legislative Session that impact Maryland's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program. To review Bills in their entirety, visit the Maryland General Assembly website and enter the bill number under Bill Information and Status at: <http://mlis.state.md.us/#bill>. For information on bills impacting minorities and women in general, click on the following link: <http://mlis.state.md.us/2010rs/subjects/minorities.htm>.

BILL NO.	TITLE & SUMMARY
HB 68	<p>Department of the Environment – Grants – Small Businesses and Certified Minority Business Enterprises Requires applicants for financial assistance over \$500,000 from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Nonpoint Source Fund to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Department, that certain steps were taken to include small businesses, certified minority business enterprises, and certified women-owned businesses in the completion of their projects. Also authorizes the Department of the Environment to withhold financial assistance if it is dissatisfied with the applicant's efforts.</p>
HB 209	<p>General Obligation Bonds for Capital Projects - Required Reports Requiring that an enabling act (BOND BILL) authorizing the creation of a State debt for at least \$500,000, to be used by a hospital or institution of higher education to complete a capital project, must contain a provision that requires the grantee to submit reports to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs regarding the extent to which the entity has used or will use any part of the funds for contracts with minority-owned businesses; etc.</p>
HB 268	<p>Minority Business Enterprise Program and Small Business Reserve Program – Architectural and Engineering Services Requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations that require graduation from a specified program by a minority business enterprise that provides architectural and engineering services if the financial viability of the minority business enterprise exceeds \$6,000,000; and altering the definition of small business under the Small Business Reserve Program by increasing a specified maximum average gross sales requirement for architectural and engineering services.</p>
HB 867 SB 954	<p>State Government - Procurement Requires units that contract with community-based residential programs, residential child care programs, or group homes to collect data concerning certification as a minority-owned, woman-owned, or disability-owned business and suspensions or revocations of licensure within 10 years before the date of the contract; and requires units to submit a specified annual report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs.</p>
HB 906	<p>Minority Business Enterprises - Signing Bids or Proposals - Submitting Subcontracts Requires bids or proposals with MBE goals to be signed by any MBE specified within the bid submission; and requires contractors to submit ratified subcontracts with each MBE that is to be counted toward the MBE goal, within 30 days of contract award.</p>

BILL NO.	TITLE & SUMMARY
HB 959	<p>Procurement - Single Minority Business Enterprise Certification Agency for Local Government Procurement Requires the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations designating one State agency as the sole certification agency for all units engaged in State procurement as well as all county or municipal government procurement.</p>
HB 1146	<p>Procurement - Governor's Office of Minority Affairs - Office of Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Establishes the Office of Minority Business Enterprise Compliance in the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs; providing for the appointment and tenure of the head of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise Compliance; specifies the duties of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise Compliance; requires procurement units to submit a report each month to the Office of Minority Business Enterprise Compliance.</p>
HB 1215	<p>Minority Business Enterprises - Graduation Program - Architectural and Engineering Services Requires the Board of Public Works to create regulations requiring MBEs providing architectural and engineering services to graduate from the MBE program if their financial viability exceeds \$10,000,000.</p>
HB 1236	<p>Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Waiver Requirements Prohibits agencies from granting MBE waivers unless the contractor has published a solicitation for MBE participation, does not receive a response to the solicitation, and it has been at least 30 days since the solicitation was published.</p>
SB 02 HB 222	<p>Task Force on the Minority Business Enterprise Program and Equity Investment Capital Reauthorizes Task Force on the MBE Program and Equity Investment Capital until May 31, 2011.</p>
SB 38	<p>State Finance and Procurement - Maryland Environmental Service - Small Business Reserve Program Adds the Maryland Environmental Service as a designated procurement unit under the SBR Program.</p>
SB 71	<p>Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request - Departmental - General Services) Extends the Sunset Provision of the SBR program for 6 years - until June 2016.</p>
SB 208 HB 834	<p>State Treasurer - Permissible Investments - Linked Deposit Program Changes the permissible investments that the State Treasurer can make with financial institutions participating in the Program from certificates of deposits only to other interest bearing deposits.</p>
SB 130 HB 250	<p>Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Reciprocal Certification Requires the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations which recognize and accommodate minority business enterprises certified by the U.S. SBA or Maryland counties, for the purpose of reciprocal MBE certification under the State's MBE program. Also requires the Board of Public Works to keep records and submit an annual report to the General Assembly about reciprocal certification.</p>

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SB 131 HB 251	State Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Electronic Certification Process Requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations that include provisions that allow a business seeking certification as a minority business enterprise to complete the application through an electronic process.
SB 133 HB 920	Commission to Study Streamlining and Increasing the Efficiency of the Procurement Process Establishing a Commission to Study Streamlining and Increasing the Efficiency of the Procurement Process
SB 546 HB 923	Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Review of Application for Certification and Notice to Applicant Requires the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations that require the agency designated to certify minority business enterprises to complete its review and provide notice of its decision to the applicant, absent extenuating circumstances, within a specified period of time.
SB 849	Procurement - Minority Business Enterprise Directory - List of Contracts Requires that the minority business enterprise (MBE) directory maintained by MDOT provide, for each MBE in the directory, a list of contracts awarded to that MBE, a description of each contract, and the amount of the contract award.