THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2147 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY PAYTON, WHEATLEY, BUXTON, JOSEPHS, THOMAS, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, GOODMAN, HARKINS, JOHNSON, McCALL, PRESTON, SHAPIRO, SIPTROTH, STEVENSON, STURLA, WATERS AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 19, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 19, 2010

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- Statutes, in small and disadvantaged businesses, providing
- 3 for small business reserve.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Title 62 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 8 <u>§ 2109. Small business reserve.</u>
- 9 <u>(a) Small business reserve. -- Commonwealth agencies shall</u>
- 10 <u>establish a small business reserve for the purpose of increasing</u>
- 11 <u>economic opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses</u>
- 12 and affording small and disadvantaged businesses the opportunity
- 13 to bid on State government contracts without competing with
- 14 <u>larger businesses.</u>
- (b) Set-aside.--Under section 2101 (relating to policy),
- 16 each Commonwealth agency shall set 10% of its moneys available
- 17 for procurement into a small business reserve for award to

- 1 qualified small and disadvantaged businesses. The amount set
- 2 aside shall be a minimum of \$25,000 up to a maximum of
- 3 \$5,000,000.
- 4 (c) Self-certification. -- Bidders shall self-certify that
- 5 they are qualified small or disadvantaged businesses, and
- 6 verification of status shall be confirmed by the awarding agency
- 7 prior to award.
- 8 (d) Categories. -- The following tiers are established:
- 9 <u>(1) Tier 1: 0 to 100 employees with gross revenues not</u>
- 10 exceeding \$25,000,000. Small businesses in this tier may bid
- on any small business reserve contract.
- 12 (2) Tier 2: 100 to 200 employees with gross revenues not
- exceeding \$35,000,000. Small businesses in this tier may only
- compete for contracts valued at \$100,000 or more.
- 15 (3) Tier 3: 200 to 250 employees with gross revenues not
- exceeding \$45,000,000. Small businesses in this tier may only
- 17 compete for contracts valued at \$250,000 or more.
- 18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.