

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1590

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1 Amend Title, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "for"

2 minority and women-owned business participation, for

3 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of

4 said lines and inserting

5 Section 1.1. Title 74 is amended by adding a section to
6 read:

7 § 303. Minority and women-owned business participation.

8 In administering the provisions of this title, the department
9 and any local transportation organization shall:

10 (1) Be responsible for ensuring that all competitive
11 contract opportunities issued by the department or local
12 transportation organization seek to maximize participation by
13 minority and women-owned businesses and other disadvantaged
14 businesses.

15 (2) Give consideration, when possible and cost
16 effective, to contractors offering to utilize minority and
17 women-owned businesses and disadvantaged businesses in the
18 selection and award of contracts.

19 (3) Ensure that the department's and local
20 transportation organizations's commitment to the minority and
21 women-owned business program is clearly understood and
22 appropriately implemented and enforced by all department and
23 local transportation organization employees.

24 (4) Designate a responsible official to supervise the
25 department and local transportation organization minority and
26 women-owned business program and ensure compliance within the
27 department or local transportation organization.

28 (5) Furnish the Department of General Services, upon
29 request, all requested information or assistance.

30 (6) Recommend sanctions to the Secretary of General
31 Services, as may be appropriate, against businesses that fail
32 to comply with the policies of the Commonwealth minority and
33 women-owned business program.

34 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
35 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
36 subsection:

37 "Disadvantaged business." A business that is owned or
38 controlled by a majority of persons, not limited to members of
39 minority groups, who are subject to racial or ethnic prejudice
40 or cultural bias.

1 "Local transportation organization." Any of the following:

2 (1) A political subdivision or a public transportation
3 port or redevelopment authority organized under the laws of
4 this Commonwealth or pursuant to an interstate compact or
5 otherwise empowered to render, contract for the rendering or
6 assist in the rendering of transportation service in a
7 limited area in this Commonwealth, even though it may also
8 render or assist in rendering transportation service in
9 adjacent states.

10 (2) A nonprofit association that directly or indirectly
11 provides public transportation service.

12 (3) A nonprofit association of public transportation
13 providers operating within this Commonwealth.

14 "Minority-owned business." A business owned and controlled
15 by a majority of persons who are African Americans, Hispanic
16 Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Alaskans and
17 Pacific Islanders.

18 "Women-owned business." A business owned and controlled by a
19 majority of persons who are women.

20 Sectin 1.2. Chapter 13 of Title 74 is repealed: