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- 6 Section 712. Diversity goals.
- (a) Goals. -- It is the intent and goal of the General 8 Assembly that the department promote and ensure diversity and the participation by diverse groups in the activities authorized under this act. In order to further this goal, the department shall adopt and implement policies or guidelines ensuring the following:
  - That diverse groups are accorded equal opportunity in the registration process, either directly as applicants or registrants or through ownership interests in applicants or registrants.
  - That registrants promote the participation of (2) diverse groups in the registrants' operations by affording equal access to employment opportunities.
  - (b) Duties of department. -- To facilitate participation by diverse groups in the activities authorized under this act, the department shall:
    - (1) Conduct the necessary and appropriate outreach, including, if determined appropriate, consulting with other State agencies, boards and commissions, including the Department of General Services and the Department of State, for the purpose of identifying diverse groups capable of participating in the activities under this act.
    - (2) Provide sufficient and continuous notice of the participation opportunities afforded under this act by publishing notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.
    - Include in the applications for registration under this act language to encourage applicants to utilize and give consideration to diverse groups for contracting or professional services opportunities.

- (4) Designate an employee to oversee the efforts adopted by registrants to promote the participation of diverse groups in the activities authorized under this act and comply with the diversity goals of this section.
- (c) Reports.--No later than March 1, 2018, and each March 1 thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Public Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives summarizing the participation and utilization of diverse groups in the activities authorized under this act. The report shall include:
  - (1) The participation level, by percentage, of diverse groups in the activities authorized under this act.
  - (2) A summary of how diverse groups are utilized by registrants, including in the provision of goods or services.
  - (3) Any other information the department deems appropriate.
- (d) Definitions.—The following words and phrases when used in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Disadvantaged business." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. § 303(b) (relating to diverse business participation).

"Diverse group." A disadvantaged business, minority-owned business, women-owned business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business or veteran-owned small business that has been certified by a third-party certifying organization.

"Minority-owned business." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. \$ 303(b).

"Service-disabled veteran-owned small business." As defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 9601 (relating to definitions).

"Third-party certifying organization." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. § 303(b).

"Veteran-owned small business." As defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 35 9601.

36 "Women-owned business." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. § 303(b).