

Chapter 153

(House Bill 1369)

AN ACT concerning

Office of Minority Affairs – Duties of Special Secretary – Minority Business Enterprises

FOR the purpose of expanding the duties of the Special Secretary of the Office of Minority Affairs to include the promotion and coordination of certain training and participation in certain plans, programs, and operations concerning minority business enterprises; and generally relating to the duties of the Special Secretary of the Office of Minority Affairs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

9–305.

(a) This section applies to the following minority business enterprises:

- (1) a publicly owned business if 1 or more minority persons own at least 51% of the stock of the business; or
- (2) any other business if 1 or more minority persons own at least 50% of the business.

(b) Subject to the limitations of any law that governs the activities of other units of the Executive Branch of the State government, the Special Secretary shall:

(1) carry out each State or federal program that is created to promote the growth of or participation in minority business enterprises;

(2) PROMOTE AND COORDINATE TRAINING REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM;

[(2)] (3) promote [and], coordinate, **AND PARTICIPATE IN** the plans, programs, and operations of the State government that promote or otherwise affect the establishment, preservation, and strengthening of minority business enterprises;

[(3)] (4) promote activities and the use of the resources of the State government, local governments, and private entities for the growth of minority business enterprises;

[(4)] (5) coordinate the effort of private entities and public agencies to develop minority business enterprises;

[(5)] (6) establish a system to develop, collect, summarize, and give out information that would help a person to:

- (i) establish a minority business enterprise;
- (ii) operate a minority business enterprise successfully; or
- (iii) promote the establishment and successful operation of minority business enterprises; and

[(6)] (7) subject to the limitations of law and the availability of funds:

- (i) provide technical and managerial assistance to minority business enterprises;
- (ii) provide the managerial and organizational framework for private entities and units of the State government to plan and carry out joint undertakings that relate to minority business enterprises; and
- (iii) pay, wholly or partly, the costs of a pilot or demonstration project that is intended to overcome the special problems of minority business enterprises.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.