

1 (ii) The Board shall keep a record of information regarding any
2 waivers requested in accordance with § 14–302(a)(9)(i) of this subtitle and subsection
3 (b)(12) of this section and submit a copy of the record to the General Assembly on or before
4 October 1 of each year, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.

5 (iii) The Board shall keep a record of the aggregate number and the
6 identity of minority business enterprises that receive certification under the process
7 established by the Board under subsection (b)(1) of this section and submit a copy of the
8 record to the General Assembly on or before October 1 of each year, in accordance with §
9 2–1246 of the State Government Article.

10 (2) The regulations shall establish procedures to be followed by units,
11 prospective contractors, and successful bidders or offerors to maximize notice to, and the
12 opportunity to participate in the procurement process by, a broad range of minority
13 business enterprises.

14 (b) These regulations shall include:

15 (1) provisions:

16 (i) designating one State agency to certify and decertify minority
17 business enterprises for all units through a single process that meets applicable federal
18 requirements, including provisions that promote and facilitate the submission of some or
19 all of the certification application through an electronic process;

20 (ii) for the purpose of certification under this subtitle, that promote
21 and facilitate certification of minority business enterprises that have received certification
22 from the U.S. Small Business Administration or a county that uses a certification process
23 substantially similar to the process established in accordance with item (i) of this item;

24 (iii) requiring the agency designated to certify minority business
25 enterprises to complete the agency's review of an application for certification and notify the
26 applicant of the agency's decision within 90 days of receipt of a complete application that
27 includes all of the information necessary for the agency to make a decision; [and]

28 (iv) authorizing the agency designated to certify minority business
29 enterprises to extend the notification requirement established under item (iii) of this item
30 once, for no more than an additional 60 days, if the agency provides the applicant with a
31 written notice and explanation; AND

32 (v) **ESTABLISHING THAT, IF A CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS**
33 **ENTERPRISE IS SOLD TO A LEGAL ENTITY THAT IS NOT A CERTIFIED MINORITY**
34 **BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, THE CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SHALL**
35 **RETAIN THE CERTIFICATION FOR 3 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF SALE;**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2018.