

HOUSE BILL 846

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By: **Delegate Bromwell**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland**
3 **and the Employment Works Program – Staff**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~the Department of General Services~~ Blind Industries and
5 Services of Maryland to provide staff for the Pricing and Selection Committee for
6 Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and the Employment Works Program;
7 establishing certain requirements for certain staff; and generally relating to the
8 Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and
9 the Employment Works Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – State Finance and Procurement
12 Section 14–106
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

18 14–106.

19 (a) In this section, “Committee” means the Pricing and Selection Committee for
20 Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and the Employment Works Program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) There is a Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services
2 of Maryland and the Employment Works Program.

3 (c) The Committee consists of the following 5 members:

4 (1) the Secretary of Transportation or a designee;

5 (2) the Secretary of General Services or a designee;

6 (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services or a designee;

7 (4) the Assistant Secretary for Vocational Rehabilitation within the State
8 Department of Education or a designee; and

9 (5) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or a designee.

10 (d) A member of the Committee:

11 (1) may not receive compensation; but

12 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
13 Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

14 (E) **(1) ~~THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES~~ BLIND INDUSTRIES**
15 **AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COMMITTEE.**

16 **(2) THE STAFF PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
17 **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:**

18 **(I) BE A BLIND OR A VISUALLY IMPAIRED ASSOCIATE OF BLIND**
19 **INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND; AND**

20 **(II) COMPLETE WORK RELATED TO THE DUTIES OF THE**
21 **COMMITTEE REGARDING BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND UNDER**
22 **THE SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF THE COMMITTEE.**

23 [(e)] (F) The Committee shall:

24 (1) ensure that supplies and services provided by Blind Industries and
25 Services of Maryland or a community service provider create work opportunities for
26 individuals who have a mental or physical disability, including blindness, for which Blind
27 Industries and Services of Maryland or the community service provider was established to
28 assist;

1 (2) set the prices of supplies and services that Blind Industries and
2 Services of Maryland provides to reflect the fair market prices for the supplies and services;

3 (3) establish procedures to govern procurement of supplies and services
4 from community service providers and individual with disability owned businesses;

5 (4) from the State procurement list, choose appropriate supplies and
6 services for community service providers and individual with disability owned businesses
7 to offer for procurement;

8 (5) provide that the State procure those supplies and services from a
9 community service provider or an individual with disability owned business;

10 (6) if supplies or services are not available for procurement from a unit of
11 the State government, determine whether supplies or services are available from a
12 community service provider or an individual with disability owned business;

13 (7) determine the fair market price of supplies and services that
14 community service providers and individual with disability owned businesses provide;

15 (8) in accordance with market conditions, adjust prices for the supplies and
16 services that community service providers and individual with disability owned businesses
17 provide; and

18 (9) at the request of a community service provider or an individual with
19 disability owned business, review and, if appropriate, change the price of a supply or
20 service.

21 **[(f)] (G)** In addition to the duties specified under subsection **[(e)](F)** of this
22 section, the Committee shall:

23 (1) establish and periodically review eligibility policies or guidelines for
24 participating community service providers and individual with disability owned
25 businesses;

26 (2) maintain a current list of community service providers and individual
27 with disability owned businesses;

28 (3) periodically review and revise its list of community service providers
29 and individual with disability owned businesses; and

30 (4) send any revised list to the Secretary of General Services who shall
31 make the list available to each person responsible for buying supplies or services for the
32 State or a State aided or controlled entity.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
34 1, 2017.