



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations

Bill 21-0061

Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises – Self – Performance Credit

Sponsor: Councilman Burnett on behalf of The Administration

Introduced: April 5, 2021

Purpose:

For the purpose of modifying the applicable self-performance credit for minority and women’s business enterprise prime contractors.

Effective: On the 30th day after enactment.

Agency Reports

Mayor's Office of Employment Development	
MWBOO - Law	
Department of Law	
MWOBD - Mayor's Office	
Department of Finance	Favorable

Analysis

Current Law:

Article V – Finance, Property, and Procurement; Section 28-31(d); Baltimore City Code (Edition 2000)

Background

Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise (MWBE) programs exist to remediate the effects of Marketplace discrimination which result in barriers to contracting opportunities, business formation, access to capital and commercial credit. To combat the effects of these barriers, measures are implemented to boost the availability and capacity of MWBE’s in the market. Race and gender-conscious contracting nationwide programs often allow MWBE Primes to receive credit toward goals, similarly the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program allows DBE primes to receive 100% credit towards goal compliance for work they self-perform.

If enacted, bill 21-0061 would bring the City of Baltimore in alignment with the federal government by allowing certified MBE and WBE prime contractors to count 100% of the dollar values of the work it intends to perform with its own forces towards the applicable MBE or WBE goal. This policy change will result in more doors being opened for those businesses to serve as prime contractors, and it will allow them to graduate from being perpetual subcontractors to the consistent prime level status.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Agency Reports, U.S. Small Business Administration

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