

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2199

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MINORITY BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT; TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT; TO AMEND THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES UNDER THE MINORITY BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT; AND TO AMEND THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES UNDER THE MINORITY BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-4-302(c), concerning the purpose of the Minority Business Economic Development Act, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) All state agencies shall attempt to ensure that ten percent (10%) of the total amount expended in state-funded and state-directed public construction programs and in the purchase of goods and services for the state each fiscal year is paid to minority business enterprises.

(2) In attempting to ensure that the goal stated in subdivision (c)(1) of this section is met, a state agency shall send each request for proposals issued by the state agency to the Division of Minority Business Enterprise of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for distribution



to minority business enterprises.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-4-312 is amended to read as follows:

15-4-312. State agencies to submit reports.

(a) The Minority Business Advisory Council shall require each Within fifteen (15) days of the close of each three-month period, each state agency to produce within fifteen (15) days of the close of each three-month period shall submit a report to the Minority Business Advisory Council summing up total procurement for all state contracts, except exempt state contracts of the state agency, and the dollar value and the percentage of the contracts of the state agency awarded to minority business enterprises.

(b) The council shall submit a report that compiles the information submitted under subsection (a) of this section to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, by the twenty-fifth day after the close of each three-month period.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 4, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15-4-321. Penalty.

A person who purposely violates this subchapter upon conviction is guilty of a Class D felony.