

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

Article 21 - Procurement

8-201.

(a) Notwithstanding other provisions of this article, supplies and services of the handicapped shall be purchased by the State in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) (1) The term "handicapped" refers to an individual or class of individuals under a physical disability (including blindness) or mental disability, which constitutes a substantial handicap to employment and is of such a nature as to prevent the individual under such disability from currently engaging in normal competitive employment.

(2) The term "sheltered workshop" means an agency organized under the laws of the United States and the State of Maryland operated in the interest of handicapped individuals, and the net income of which does not inure in part, or in whole, to the benefit of any shareholder or other individual and is certified as a sheltered workshop by the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor.

(3) "Pricing and selection committee" means the committee established under this subtitle responsible for procedures governing the procurement of [goods] SUPPLIES and services from certified sheltered workshops.

(c) (1) The pricing and selection committee for sheltered workshops shall:

(i) Select appropriate [goods] SUPPLIES and services from the State procurement list and provide that the State procure the selected [goods] SUPPLIES and services from eligible sheltered workshops;

(ii) Determine the fair market price of any [goods] SUPPLIES and services offered for sale to the State by eligible sheltered workshops;

(iii) Adjust, in accordance with market conditions, the prices of [goods] SUPPLIES and services offered for sale to the State by eligible sheltered workshops; and

(iv) At the request of a sheltered workshop, review or change the price of a [good] SUPPLY or service.

(2) The pricing and selection committee for sheltered workshops is composed of 5 members, as follows:

(i) 2 members of the Maryland Association of Workshops, Inc.;