

~~(II) AN AVERAGE NET INCOME AFTER FEDERAL INCOME TAXES FOR THE PRECEDING 2 YEARS, EXCLUDING ANY CARRYOVER LOSSES, NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000;~~

~~(III) A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OR SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT PRESENCE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY OR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; AND~~

~~(IV) ANY OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY OR OTHERWISE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROMOTION OF LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES IN ITS SERVICE AREA; AND~~

~~(2) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING THE PROGRAM.~~

~~(D) A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MAY QUALIFY AS A LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM WITHOUT REGARD TO THE RACE, ETHNICITY, OR GENDER OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.~~

~~(E) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH GRADUATION CRITERIA FROM THE PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES NO LONGER REQUIRE THE ASSISTANCE OR BENEFITS OFFERED BY THE PROGRAM.~~

~~(F) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE PROGRAM EACH YEAR TO ASSESS THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN FURTHERING THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM.~~

Chapter 256 of the Acts of 1995, as amended by Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1997

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995. It shall remain effective for a period of [6] 8 years and, at the end of September 30, [2001] 2003, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, the minority business enterprise utilization program under Article 28, §§ 2-301 through 2-305 of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July June 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 838 – Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Local Small Business Enterprise Program MC/PG 101-01.

This bill authorizes the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to establish, by