

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 5/13/2014
Reference No.: CB-019-2014
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Franklin
Sponsor(s): Franklin, Toles, Harrison, Turner, Davis, Patterson
Item Title: An Act concerning County-based Business Certification for the purpose of facilitating the registration of County-based businesses as certified enterprises.

Drafter: Office of Council Member Franklin,
Resource Personnel: Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer
Brendon L. Laster, Chief of Staff District 9

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	4/29/2014	Executive Action:	7/10/2014 S
Committee Referral:	4/29/2014 - PSFM	Effective Date:	8/25/2014

Committee Action: 5/7/2014 - FAV

Date Introduced: 5/13/2014
Public Hearing: 6/17/2014 - 11:00 AM

Council Action (1) 6/17/2014 - ENACTED
Council Votes: WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

10A-163

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety and Fiscal Management

Date 5/7/2014

Committee Vote: Favorable 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Toles, Harrison, and Lehman)

This bill would allow businesses that are certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) who currently have a certification indicating that the business' principal place of operation or domicile is within the County to be automatically deemed a certified County-based business. The bill also allows the Purchasing Agent at the time of a bid or proposal solicitation, to request the business to provide a copy of documentation of its existing MBE certification, a tax return filed with the State establishing that the business has operated within the County in the last 12 months, and a certificate of good standing from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Currently, approximately 95% of MBEs are not certified under the new certification process established pursuant to CB-17-2011. Roland Jones, Acting Director, Office of Central Services, said that the bill will allow approximately 3,000 businesses to be deemed a certified County-based business as opposed to the 137 businesses the County has now.

The Office of Law has reviewed this legislation and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The County Council enacted CB-17-2011 on November 15, 2011 which required local firms that already have existing recognized business certifications to complete a new County-based business certification process. The proposed legislation would allow businesses that are certified as a minority business enterprise whose certification indicates that the business' principal place of operation or domicile is the County to be automatically deemed a County-based business.

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