

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 4/29/2008
Reference No.: CB-002-2008
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s): Dean, Bland, Exum, Turner, Olson
Item Title: An Act amending provisions of the Code relating to certifications of minority business enterprises and transferring certain responsibilities associated with such certifications from the Minority Business Opportunities Commission to the Minority Business Development Division of the Office of Central Services

Drafter: Tracy M. Benjamin, Office of Law
Resource Personnel: Pamela H. Piper, Director of the Office of Central Services

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	1/22/2008	Executive Action:	5/8/2008 S
Committee Referral:	1/22/2008 - EDH 2/19/2008 - PSFM	Effective Date:	6/23/2008

Committee Action: 2/13/2008 - HELD
3/24/2008 - FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 4/8/2008
Public Hearing: 4/29/2008 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 4/29/2008 - ENACTED
Council Votes: MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

02-450, 02-452, 02-454, 02-456, 10A-101, 10A-136, 10A-141

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Date 3/24/2008

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (In favor: Councilmembers Knotts, Dean, Exum and Turner.)

This bill will amend the provisions of the County Code by allowing the Purchasing Agent to consider certification of entities that administer minority business enterprise certification programs based upon eligibility criteria that exceeds or differs from those utilized by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA); revise the composition of the membership of the Minority Business Opportunities Commission and transfer the minority business enterprise certification function to the Minority Business Development Division of the Office of Central Services.

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

The legislation was amended as follows:

1. On page 2, line 15, delete “Seven (7) of”
2. On page 2, line 16, delete “Four of the members shall be appointed by the County Council” and add: “Four (4) of the eleven (11) Commission members shall be appointed by the County Executive upon the recommendation of the County Council.”
3. On page 2, prior to line 21 insert:
“(d) The Commission is authorized to [establish] recommend to the Minority Business Development Division or its designee programs, services, and events [as it may determine or as directed by the County Council or County Executive] designed to enhance both the quality and quantity of business opportunities in the public and private sectors for minority business enterprises.[,including, but not necessarily limited to, a program of technical assistance for entrepreneurs and business owners.]”

The enactment of CB-2-2008 will not have a negative fiscal impact on the County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

The proposed legislation would amend provisions of the County Code relating to certifications of minority business enterprises. The legislation would allow the Purchasing Agent to consider certifications of entities that administer minority business enterprise certification programs based upon eligibility criteria that exceeds or differs from those utilized by the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and that further the County’s minority business enterprise participation goals. The legislation would also transfer the function of certifying and decertifying minority business enterprises from the Minority Business Opportunities Commission to the Minority Business Development Division of the Office of Central Services to reflect the current practice and procedures of the County.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
