GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

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S SENATE BILL 907

Short Title: Minority Business Certification. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Dorsett; and Graham.

Referred to: Commerce.

March 24, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADOPT

RULES AND PROCEDURES TO CERTIFY UNDERUTILIZED AND

MINORITY BUSINESSES AND TO MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF THE

BUSINESSES CERTIFIED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143-48 is amended by adding the following new subsection to read:

"§ 143-48. State policy; cooperation in promoting the use of small contractors, minority contractors, physically handicapped contractors, and women contractors; purpose; required annual reports.

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(d1) The Secretary of Administration shall adopt rules and procedures for: (i) the certification of a business under this section as a Historically Underutilized Business; and (ii) the creation and maintenance of a database of the businesses certified. The database shall be created and maintained by the Department of Administration, Office of Historically Underutilized Business, and shall include the necessary procedures and rules for certification under this section."

SECTION 2. G.S. 143-128.3 is amended by adding the following new subsection to read:

"§ 143-128.3. Minority business participation administration.

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- (e1) The Secretary shall adopt rules and procedures for: (i) the certification of a minority business contractor, as defined in G.S. 143-128.2(g), as a Historically Underutilized Business; and (ii) the creation and maintenance of a database of the businesses certified. The database shall be created and maintained by the Department of Administration, Office of Historically Underutilized Business, and shall include the necessary procedures and rules for certification as a Historically Underutilized
- 29 Business."

1 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.