

HOUSE BILL 1244

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By: **Delegate Sample-Hughes**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Procurement – Concrete – Preference**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each unit of State government responsible for the
4 procurement of concrete to give consideration and preference to the procurement of
5 certain concrete mix designs that consist of Type 1L or blended cement and that meet
6 certain other standards and specifications; requiring the Board of Public Works to
7 adopt certain regulations; requiring the Board to publish certain guidelines on the
8 Board's website; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; and
9 generally relating to the procurement of concrete by the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – State Finance and Procurement

12 Section 14-417

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

18 **14-417.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “CONCRETE” MEANS STRUCTURAL AND NONSTRUCTURAL**
22 **MASONRY AND READY MIX CONCRETE BUILDING PRODUCTS.**

23 **(3) “PREFERENCE” INCLUDES:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) A PERCENTAGE PRICE PREFERENCE; AND**

2 **(II) ANY OTHER PROVISION THAT FAVORS THE PURCHASE OR**
3 **USE OF CEMENT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B)**
4 **OF THIS SECTION.**

5 **(B) EACH UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF CONCRETE**
6 **SHALL GIVE CONSIDERATION AND PREFERENCE TO THE PROCUREMENT OF A**
7 **CONCRETE MIX DESIGN THAT:**

8 **(1) CONSISTS OF TYPE 1L CEMENT OR AN ASTM C595 BLENDED**
9 **CEMENT WITH SLAG CEMENT, FLY ASH, OR NATURAL POZZOLAN;**

10 **(2) MEETS SPECIFICATIONS SET BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF**
11 **STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS; AND**

12 **(3) MEETS OR EXCEEDS ANY OTHER ENGINEERING PERFORMANCE**
13 **STANDARDS SET BY THE STATE.**

14 **(C) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**
15 **SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS THAT:**

16 **(1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO ASSIST UNITS IN DETERMINING**
17 **WHICH CONTRACTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION; AND**

18 **(2) PROVIDE FOR THE MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**
19 **THIS SECTION.**

20 **(D) THE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE THE**
21 **GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**
22 **SECTION.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2022.