

HOUSE BILL 1460

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By: **Delegates Young, Acevero, Alston, and Martinez**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Procurement – Prohibited Certifications – Boycotts of Foreign Countries**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a procurement officer from requiring a certain certification
4 from a bidder or offeror or including a certain clause in a State procurement contract
5 or contract renewal relating to boycotts of foreign countries; and generally relating
6 to prohibited certifications and State procurement.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Finance and Procurement

9 Section 13–212.2 and 13–228

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 **13–212.2.**

16 **A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY NOT REQUIRE A BIDDER OR OFFEROR, AS A**
17 **CONDITION TO SUBMITTING A BID OR PROPOSAL ON A STATE PROCUREMENT, TO**
18 **CERTIFY THAT THE BIDDER OR OFFEROR, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS**
19 **ARTICLE OR UNDER FEDERAL LAW:**

20 **(1) IS NOT ENGAGING IN A BOYCOTT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY; OR**

21 **(2) WILL REFRAIN FROM A BOYCOTT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR**
22 **THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-228.

2 A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY NOT INCLUDE IN A STATE PROCUREMENT
3 CONTRACT, OR RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT, A CLAUSE REQUIRING THE CONTRACTOR
4 TO CERTIFY THAT THE CONTRACTOR, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE
5 OR UNDER FEDERAL LAW:

6 (1) IS NOT ENGAGING IN A BOYCOTT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY; OR

7 (2) WILL REFRAIN FROM A BOYCOTT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR
8 THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2025.