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Overview

Increases from four to six percent the maximum preference on state contracts that can be provided to small businesses in economically disadvantaged areas. Maintains the current four percent preference for construction contracts. Repeals a rule that limits certain participation.

Section

- 1 Purchasing preference.** Provides that the commissioner of administration may award up to a six percent bid preference to a small business located in an economically disadvantaged area. Under current law, the commissioner may award up to a four percent preference to these businesses. The current four percent preference is maintained for construction contracts.
- 2 Repealer.** Repeals a portion of a Department of Administration rule. The repealed rule currently provides that a business eligible for a preference is suspended from the program for a fiscal year if the awards to the business exceed three-tenths of one percent of total anticipated awards.