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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 944

"AN ACT TO CENTRALIZE THE REGISTRATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES AND TO CREATE A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
CERTIFICATION PROCESS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 944.

Amend Senate Bill No. 944 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 11, delete "REGISTRATION" and substitute "REGISTRY"

AND

Page 1, line 17, delete "REGISTRATION" and substitute "REGISTRY"

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 4, Subchapter 3 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15-4-320. (a) The Division of Minority Business Enterprise of the Department of Economic Development shall promulgate rules to create a certification process for minority business enterprises.

(b) The certification process shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Criteria for certification that shall include, but not be limited to:

(A) A determination that the business is structured as a minority business enterprise;

(B) Verification of minority ownership and control of the business; and

(C) Annual updates indicating continuing minority ownership and control;

(2) A formal application process;

(3) An education program to assist minority business enterprises in achieving certification; and

(4) An outreach to ensure the broadest possible participation of minority business enterprises and persons proposing new minority business enterprises.

(c) The Office of Procurement of the Department of Finance and



Administration shall cooperate with the division to the fullest extent possible in sharing information concerning certification and registration of minority business enterprises carrying out the purposes of this section."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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