It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 37-14.1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-14.1 entitled "Minority Business Enterprise" is hereby amended to read as follows:


(a) Minority business enterprises shall be included in all procurements and construction projects under this chapter and shall be awarded a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the dollar value of the entire procurement or project. The director of the department of administration is further authorized to establish by rules and regulation the certification process and formulas for giving minority business enterprises a preference in contract and subcontract awards.

(b) Any minority business enterprise currently certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration as an 8(a) firm governed by 13 C.F.R. part 124 shall be deemed to be certified by the department of administration as a minority business enterprise and shall only be required to submit evidence of federal certification of good standing.

(c) The provisions of chapter 14.1 of title 37 shall not be waived, including, but not limited to, during a declared state of emergency.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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1  This act would provide that the provisions relating to this chapter would not be waived, including, but not limited to, a declared state of emergency.

2  This act would take effect upon passage.

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