



2017-2018 General Assembly

**SENATE BILL 257:  
Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 34.15:  
Align Department of Transportation's Program  
for Participation by Disadvantaged Minority-  
Owned and Women-Owned Businesses with  
Federal Law**

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 34.15 of S.L. 2017-57 makes the following changes with regard to the Department of Transportation's Program for Participation by Disadvantaged Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses:*

- *Changes the required contract participation goals under the program from separate aspirational goals for each disadvantaged minority-owned and women-owned business category that has demonstrated disparity in contract utilization to a single combined aspirational goal in the form of a percentage for the overall participation in contracts by disadvantaged minority-owned and women-owned businesses.*
- *Extends the program's expiration date from August 31, 2017, to August 31, 2022.*
- *Requires the Department to develop a plan to establish and implement the combined goal and submit the plan to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by February 1, 2018, and implement the plan by April 1, 2018.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2017.*

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