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## SENATE BILL NO. 1443

Offered January 21, 2011

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-1111 and 2.2-4324 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Public Procurement Act; preference for Virginia products and firms.*

Patrons—Reynolds, Barker, Colgan, Deeds, Edwards, Herring, Houck, Howell, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Marsh, McEachin, Miller, J.C., Northam, Puckett, Puller, Saslaw, Ticer and Whipple

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 2.2-1111 and 2.2-4324 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-1111. Purchases to be made in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) and regulations of Division; exempt purchases.

A. All purchases made by any department, division, officer or agency of the Commonwealth shall be made in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) and such regulations as the Division may prescribe.

B. The regulations adopted by the Division shall:

1. Include a purchasing plan that shall be on file at the Division and shall be available to the public upon request;

2. Require that before any public body procures any computer system, equipment or software, it shall consider whether the proposed system, equipment or software is capable of producing products that facilitate the rights of the public to access official records under the Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) or other applicable law;

3. Require state public bodies to procure only shielded outdoor light fixtures and provide for waivers of this requirement when the Division determines that a bona fide operational, temporary, safety or specific aesthetic need is indicated or that such fixtures are not cost effective over the life cycle of the fixtures. For the purposes of this subdivision, "shielded outdoor light fixture" means an outdoor light fixture that is (i) fully shielded so that no light rays are emitted by the installed fixture above the horizontal plane or (ii) constructed so that no more than two percent of the total luminaire lumens in the zone of 90 to 180 degrees vertical angle is permitted, if the related output of the luminaire is greater than 3200 lumens. In adopting regulations under this subdivision, the Division shall consider national standards for outdoor lighting as adopted by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA).

For any project initiated on or after July 1, 2003, the Virginia Department of Transportation shall design all lighting systems in accordance with current IESNA standards and recommended practices. The lighting system shall utilize fixtures that minimize glare, light trespass, and skyglow, all as defined by the IESNA, while still providing a comfortable, visually effective, safe, and secure outdoor environment in a cost-effective manner over the life cycle of the lighting system;

4. Establish the conditions under which a public body may use, as a basis for the procurement of goods and nonprofessional services, a particular vendor's contract-pricing that has been negotiated and accepted by the U.S. General Services Administration;

5. Establish procurement preferences for products containing recycled oil (including reprocessed and rerefined oil products) and recycled antifreeze no later than December 31, 2002;

6. Establish conditions under which a public body shall demonstrate a good faith effort to ensure that state contracts or subcontracts for goods or services that involve the manual packaging of bulk supplies or the manual assemblage of goods where individual items weigh less than 50 pounds be offered to nonprofit sheltered workshops or other nonprofit organizations that offer transitional or supported employment services serving the handicapped;

7. Require that on or before October 1, 2009, and every two years thereafter, the Director of the Department of General Services shall solicit from each state agency and public institution of higher education a list of procurements falling under the Department's authority that were competed with the private sector that appear on the Commonwealth Competition Council's commercial activities list and were, until that time, being performed by each state agency and public institution of higher education during the previous two years, and the outcome of that competition. The Director shall make the lists available to the public on the Department of General Services' website; and

8. Establish the conditions under which state public bodies may procure diesel fuel containing, at a minimum, two percent, by volume, biodiesel fuel or green diesel fuel, as defined in § 45.1-394, for use in on-road internal combustion engines. The conditions shall take into consideration the availability of

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58 such fuel and the variability in cost of biodiesel fuel with respect to unblended diesel fuel; *and*  
59 9. *Establish procurement procedures to facilitate the purchase of goods produced in Virginia and*  
60 *goods or services and construction provided by Virginia persons, firms or corporations by state agencies*  
61 *and institutions.*

62 C. The Division may make, alter, amend or repeal regulations relating to the purchase of materials,  
63 supplies, equipment, nonprofessional services, and printing, and may specifically exempt purchases  
64 below a stated amount or particular agencies or specified materials, equipment, nonprofessional services,  
65 supplies and printing.

66 § 2.2-4324. Preference for Virginia products with recycled content and for Virginia firms.

67 A. ~~In the case of a tie bid, awarding contracts for the procurement of goods or services, state public~~  
68 ~~bodies shall give a preference shall be given~~ to goods produced in Virginia; *and goods or services or*  
69 *construction provided by Virginia persons, firms or corporations; otherwise so long as the bid price of*  
70 *such firm or corporation is not more than 15 percent greater than the bid price of the low responsive*  
71 *and responsible non-Virginia bidder. In the case of a tie bid, the tie shall be decided by lot.*

72 B. Whenever the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is a resident of any other state and such  
73 state under its laws allows a resident contractor of that state a percentage preference, a like preference  
74 shall be allowed to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who is a resident of Virginia and is the  
75 next lowest bidder. If the lowest bidder is a resident contractor of a state with an absolute preference,  
76 the bid shall not be considered. The Department of General Services shall post and maintain an updated  
77 list on its website of all states with an absolute preference for their resident contractors and those states  
78 that allow their resident contractors a percentage preference, including the respective percentage  
79 amounts. For purposes of compliance with this section, all public bodies may rely upon the accuracy of  
80 the information posted on this website.

81 C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections A and B, in the case of a tie bid in instances where  
82 goods are being offered, and existing price preferences have already been taken into account, preference  
83 shall be given to the bidder whose goods contain the greatest amount of recycled content.