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HOUSE BILL NO. 1161

Offered January 14, 2022

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-4311.3, relating to the Virginia Public Procurement Act; required contract provisions; prohibition on participation in boycott of Israel.

Patrons—McGuire and Greenhalgh

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-4311.3 as follows: § 2.2-4311.3. Required contract provisions; participation in boycott of Israel prohibited.

A. All public bodies shall include in every contract of more than \$10,000 the following provisions:

During the performance of this contract and with regard to the contractor's commercial activity pursuant to the terms of the contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- 1. The contractor will not, during the performance of the contract, engage in a boycott of Israel, its instrumentalities, or any of its territories.
- 2. The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
- 3. Notices, advertisements, and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule, or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- B. The contractor shall include the same provisions listed in subsection A in every subcontract or purchase order of more than \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.