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H.B. No. 144

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a preference in state purchasing for products from  
3 disaster areas.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 2155.452 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2155.452. PREFERENCE TO GOODS FROM DISASTER AREA. (a)  
8 In this section, "disaster area" means an area of this state that  
9 has been declared a disaster area by:

10 (1) the governor under Chapter 418; or

11 (2) the president of the United States under the  
12 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
13 U.S.C. Section 5121 et seq.).

14 (b) The commission and each state agency procuring goods  
15 shall give preference to goods produced in a disaster area if:

16 (1) the cost of the goods does not exceed the cost of  
17 other similar goods that are not produced in a disaster area; and

18 (2) the quality of the goods equals or exceeds the  
19 quality of other similar goods that are not produced in a disaster  
20 area.

21 (c) The preference required by this section applies  
22 beginning on the date that the area is first declared to be a  
23 disaster area and ending on the first anniversary of that date,  
24 regardless of the date of any termination or expiration of the

1 declaration.

2           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.