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H.B. No. 3704

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of fair trade certified products by a state agency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.455 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.455. FAIR TRADE CERTIFIED PRODUCTS. (a) The comptroller shall adopt rules to require a state agency to purchase products that are fair trade certified to the extent those products are available.

(b) This section applies to a purchase without regard to the source of funds the agency will use for the purchase, including a purchase that is:

(1) made by a state agency that is otherwise exempt from the comptroller's purchasing authority; or

(2) made under delegated purchasing authority under Section 2155.131.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2009, the comptroller of public accounts shall adopt rules under Section 2155.455, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.