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H.B. No. 4589

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a state purchasing preference for certain pharmaceutical manufacturers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.454 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.454. PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS. A state agency that expends appropriated money to purchase pharmaceutical products may give preference to a manufacturer of pharmaceutical products that voluntarily participates in:

(1) the vendor drug program for the Department of State Health Services' Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program; or

(2) the Department of State Health Services' Kidney Health Care Program.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.