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H.B. No. 1599

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the sale of prison-made products to nonprofit
3 organizations.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 497.021, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 497.021. AUTHORITY. This subchapter governs the sale
8 of prison-made products [~~to governmental agencies~~].

9 SECTION 2. Section 497.022, Government Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 497.022. CONTRACTS. The department may contract with:

12 (1) another state, the federal government, a foreign
13 government, or an agency of any of those governments to manufacture
14 for or sell to those governments prison-made articles or products;

15 (2) a private or independent institution of higher
16 education to manufacture for or sell to that school or institution
17 prison-made articles or products; [~~or~~]

18 (3) a nonprofit organization exempt from federal
19 taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

20 (4) a private school or a visually handicapped person
21 in this state to manufacture Braille textbooks or other
22 instructional aids for the education of visually handicapped
23 persons.

24 SECTION 3. Section 497.025(b), Government Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (b) A political subdivision or a nonprofit organization
3 exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal
4 Revenue Code of 1986, may purchase articles and products under this
5 subchapter directly from the office.

6 SECTION 4. Section 497.028, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 497.028. CATALOGS. The office shall prepare catalogs
9 that accurately and completely describe articles and products
10 produced under this subchapter. The office shall send copies of the
11 catalogs to all state agencies and make the catalogs available to
12 political subdivisions and to nonprofit organizations exempt from
13 taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.