

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 558

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of iron, steel, and manufactured goods made in the United States for certain state, state-aided, and governmental entity construction projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 2166, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2166.3031 to read as follows:

Sec. 2166.3031. UNIFORM PURCHASING CONDITION. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the uniform general conditions for a construction project in which iron, steel, or manufactured goods will be used must require that the bid documents provided to all bidders and the contract include a requirement that the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project be produced in the United States.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a project for which the governing body of the governmental entity responsible for the project determines that:

(1) iron, steel, or specific manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or

(2) inclusion of iron, steel, or specific manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the total cost of the iron, steel, or specific manufactured goods for the project by more than 15 percent.

1        (c) This section applies to a project otherwise exempted  
2 from the application of this chapter by Sections 2166.003 and  
3 2166.004.

4        SECTION 2. Section 2166.003(b), Government Code, is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6        (b) Only Sections 2166.104, 2166.151, 2166.152, 2166.153,  
7 2166.154, 2166.155, 2166.251, 2166.252, and 2166.3031 and  
8 Subchapter H apply to a construction project undertaken by or for  
9 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the imprisonment of  
10 individuals convicted of felonies other than state jail felonies.

11        SECTION 3. Section 2166.3031, Government Code, as added by  
12 this Act, applies only to bid documents submitted or contracts  
13 entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

14        SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.