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H.B. No. 1726

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to shipping logistics and coordination services for state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2172, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2172.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 2172.007. SHIPPING LOGISTICS AND COORDINATION SERVICES. (a) The comptroller shall contract with a vendor to oversee shipping logistics and coordination services for all state agencies. The vendor shall arrange the shipment of goods, parcels, and freight using the shipping company selected by the state agency through competitive bidding that provides the lowest cost or best value to the agency for the shipment.

(b) A state agency shall arrange all shipments of goods, parcels, and freight under this section.

(c) The vendor under this section shall maintain a record of each shipment arranged for a state agency, including the cost of the shipment, the type of goods, parcels, or freight shipped, and the weight of the goods, parcels, or freight shipped.

(d) In contracting for the oversight of shipping logistics and coordination services under this section, the comptroller shall provide contracting opportunities for, and increase contract awards to, vendors that employ veterans or other persons with disabilities whose products and services are available under

1 Chapter 122, Human Resources Code.

2 (e) This section does not apply to the shipment of:

3 (1) items of extraordinary value;

4 (2) museum exhibits and antiquities;

5 (3) antique furniture;

6 (4) fine arts;

7 (5) specialized materials or products; or

8 (6) coins and paper bills.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.