

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 may contract with a vendor to oversee shipping logistics and coordination services for all state agencies and shall pay the contract from the anticipated cost savings realized under the contract. 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 best value to the agency for the shipment.

(b) A state agency may 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 may provide contracting opportunities for vendors that employ veterans or other persons with disabilities whose products and services are

1 available under 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;

8 (6) coins and paper bills; or

9 (7) items by the Texas Department of Transportation if

10 the department determines that, because of the nature of the items
11 or the circumstances related to the shipment, shipment of the items
12 under a procedure established by the department is necessary.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1726 was passed by the House on May 8, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1726 on May 24, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1726 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor