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H.B. No. 1726

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to shipping 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 COORDINATION SERVICES. (a) The comptroller shall contract with a vendor to provide shipping coordination services to all state agencies. The vendor shall arrange the shipment of goods, parcels, and freight using the shipping company 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 using the vendor 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 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 Chapter 122, Human Resources Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.