1-1 By: Estes

(In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2013; March 18, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs, and Homeland Security; March 27, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 1; March 27, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Estes	X			
1-9	Uresti		X		
1-10	Hegar	Χ			
1-11	Hinojosa			X	
1-12	Schwertner	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 481, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 481.0297 to read as follows:

Sec. 481.0297. FIREARM AND AMMUNITION MANUFACTURERS.

(a) The office shall facilitate the location, expansion, and retention of firearms manufacturers, firearms accessory manufacturers, and ammunition manufacturers to the state, including:

(1) identifying domestic and international firearms manufacturers, firearms accessory manufacturers, and ammunition manufacturers interested in expanding or relocating to the state; and

(2) issuing requests for proposals for the location, relocation, or expansion of firearms manufacturers, firearms accessory manufacturers, and ammunition manufacturers to the state.

(b) Upon receipt of proposals under Subsection (a), the office shall negotiate on behalf of the state the issuance of funds provided by Section 481.078, franchise tax exemptions, sales tax exemptions, and other incentives as provided by this chapter or other provisions of the law commensurate with the size and scope of the proposed project.

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

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