H.B. No. 793

AN ACT

relating to certain government contracts with companies that boycott Israel.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 2270.001(2), Government Code, as added by Chapter 1 (H.B. 89), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(2)  "Company" has the meaning assigned by Section 808.001, except that the term does not include a sole proprietorship.

SECTION 2.  Section 2270.002, Government Code, as added by Chapter 1 (H.B. 89), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2270.002.  PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT.  (a) This section applies only to a contract that:

(1)  is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and

(2)  has a value of $100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

(b)  A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:

(1)  does not boycott Israel; and

(2)  will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

SECTION 3.  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, 2019.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 793 was passed by the House on April 11, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 105, Nays 0, 40 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 793 was passed by the Senate on May 2, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 28, Nays 3.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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                  Governor