By:  King of Parker, et al. H.B. No. 793

     (Senate Sponsor - Creighton)

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2019; April 15, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; April 29, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1; April 29, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock              X

Nichols                  X

Campbell             X

Creighton            X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Schwertner           X

Whitmire                       X

Zaffirini            X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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