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S.B. No. 491

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

1 contract.

2           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.