

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2398

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Clarifying current requirements for public purchases of goods and services from nonprofit agencies for the blind.

Sponsors: Representatives Holy, Riccelli, Appleton, Haler, Stokesbary, Ormsby, Parker, Santos and S. Hunt.

House Committee on State Government
Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security

Background:

State agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions must purchase goods and services from nonprofit agencies for the blind whenever possible. To qualify, nonprofit agencies for the blind must be located in Washington and must manufacture or distribute blind-made products. The goods and services must be equal in quality and price to those available from other sources.

In 2011 state procurement responsibilities were consolidated in the Department of Enterprise Services (DES). The DES adopts policies and procedures for the management of contracts by state agencies and enters into master contracts that may be utilized by state, local, and nonprofit agencies.

Summary:

References to the law relating to the purchase of blind-made goods and services are added to laws relating to public purchasing.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	47	0

Effective: June 9, 2016

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