

April 15, 1999

S 968. WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING MODIFIED. *TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING.* Amends GS 143-53(a) to provide that waiver of competitive bidding for equipment, supplies, or services must have prior written approval of Sec'y of Admin. if expenditure exceeds \$10,000. Amends GS 143-57 to provide that report must be made to Div'n of Purchase and Contract if expenditure exceeds \$10,000. Effective July 1, 1999; applies to purchases on or after that date.

Intro. by Shaw of Cumberland.

Ref. to Commerce

GS 143

June 23, 1999

S 968. WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING MODIFIED. Intro. 04/15/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition: (1) rewrites title to read AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND TO REQUIRE BID PROTESTS INVOLVING CONTRACTS OVER A CERTAIN AMOUNT TO BE HANDLED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; (2) amends GS 143-53(a) to provide that the Sec'y of Administration may levy a fee, not to exceed \$1.00, for reviewing each application for the Sec'y to waive competitive bids for the purchase, rental, or lease of equipment, materials, supplies, or services if the expenditure exceeds \$10,000; (3) rewrites GS 143-53(a)(1) to provide that the Division of Purchase and Contract is authorized to review and decide a protest on a contract valued at \$25,000 or more and that the Sec'y is directed to adopt rules or criteria governing the review of and the decision on a protest on a contract of less than \$25,000 by the agency that awarded the contract; (4) provides that the bill does not apply to an agency, board, department, institution, or commission that is exempt from the bidding laws of Ch. 143, Art. 3, or from the provisions of that article that require that certain contracts be awarded by the Dep't of Administration; and (5) makes act effective July 1, 1999, and applies to bid protests filed on or after that date and, with respect to waivers of competition, to contracts awarded on or after that date.

July 12, 1999

S 968. WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING MODIFIED. Intro. 4/15/99. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes effective date to September 1, 1999 (was, July 1, 1999).