

January 25, 2001

H 2. RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE FOR BIDS. *TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION AND STATE AGENCIES TO ADD A PERCENT INCREASE TO BIDS OF NONRESIDENT BIDDERS WHERE THE NONRESIDENT BIDDERS' HOME STATES GRANT PREFERENCES TO IN-STATE BIDDERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES TO IMPLEMENT THE RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE PROGRAM, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE PROGRAM.* Amends GS 143-59 to require that a percent increase be added to bids from nonresident bidders; percent added must equal the percent of preference given in each bidder's home state. Applies to contracts for equipment, materials, supplies, and services valued over \$25,000 entered into by all state departments, institutions, agencies, community colleges, local school administrative units, and the Office of Information Technology, except contracts entered into under GS 143-53(5)(contracts not using competitive bidding) or GS 143-57(emergencies). Authorizes Sec'y of Administration to waive preference if nonresident bidder would otherwise be lowest bidder. Authorizes Sec'y to adopt temporary rules to implement act.

Appropriates \$250,000 from General Fund to Dep't of Administration for fiscal year 2001-02 for reciprocal preference program. Appropriation is effective July 1, 2001. Remainder of act is effective Jan. 1, 2002.

Intro. by Owens.

Ref. to Rules	GS 143, APPROP
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