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H 308. STATE CONTRACTS/ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. Filed 2/21/07. PROHIBITING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTORS WHO EMPLOY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND REQUIRING CONTRACTORS TO VERIFY AND CERTIFY THEIR EMPLOYEES' LEGAL STATUS OR AUTHORIZATION TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES. Enacts new GS 143-129.1A (contracts with illegal immigrants prohibited; verification and certification required) prohibiting the state, governing bodies, or institutions of the state from entering into contracts for construction or repair work or for purchases with any contractor who knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal immigrant. Requires contractors to verify the legal status or authorization to work in the US of each individual they employ with the Basic Pilot Employment Verification Program before submitting a bid or entering into a contract. Contractors submitting bids or entering into contracts must certify that they have verified this information and contracts entered into must contain provisions to that effect and stating that the contractors will not knowingly employ illegal immigrants. Knowingly submitting a certification that is false is a Class I felony. Violations of the statute render the contract void, but the contract may continue in limited circumstances. Contractors knowingly using the services of an illegal immigrant are prohibited from submitting a bid or entering into a contract with the state for one year. Effective for all bids submitted and contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2007.

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