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HOUSE BILL NO. 243

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-4328.1, relating to the Public Procurement Act; preference for goods made in the United States.*

Patron—Nutter

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-4328.1 as follows:

§ 2.2-4328.1. Preference for goods made in the United States; U.S. firms.

A. Except as provided in subsection B, in determining the award of any contract for goods or nonprofessional services, a public body shall give preference to goods produced in the United States, or to goods or nonprofessional services provided by U.S.-based firms or corporations, so long as the bid price of such firm or corporation is not more than 20 percent greater than the bid price of the low responsive and responsible foreign-based firm or corporation.

B. Such contract may be awarded to a foreign-based firm or corporation in accordance with subsection E of § 2.2-4303.

C. For the purposes of this section, "foreign-based firm or corporation" means a firm or corporation based outside of the United States or any of its territories.

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