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SENATE BILL No. 1465

August 24, 2010, Introduced by Senator VAN WOERKOM and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Bioeconomy.

A bill to amend 1968 PA 15, entitled "Correctional industries act," by amending section 6 (MCL 800.326), as amended by 2007 PA 102.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 6. (1) Correctional industries products may be sold,exchanged, or purchased by any of the following:
 - (a) An institution of this or any other state or political subdivision of this or any other state, the federal government or agencies of the federal government, a foreign government or agencies of a foreign government, or a private vendor that operates a correctional facility in this state.
 - (b) Any organization that is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.
 - (c) Any private business or individual, if the products are

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- 1 cut and sewn textiles, but only if the same or a comparable in
- 2 style product is not manufactured by a private business in this
- 3 state.
- 4 (D) A PERSON WHO OWNS OR OPERATES A FARM IN THIS STATE AND WHO
- 5 ENGAGES THE LABOR OF SEASONAL FARMWORKERS, IF THE PRODUCT IS
- 6 PREFABRICATED HOUSING SUITABLE FOR HOUSING SEASONAL FARMWORKERS.
- 7 (2) An agricultural product that is produced on a correctional
- 8 farm may be utilized within the correctional institutions or within
- 9 a correctional facility in this state notwithstanding its operation
- 10 by a private vendor or sold to an institution, governmental agency,
- 11 or organization described in subsection (1) or sold for utilization
- in the food production facilities of the department of corrections
- 13 notwithstanding the operation of those facilities by a private
- 14 vendor. An agricultural product that is not utilized or sold as
- 15 provided in this subsection shall be made available without charge
- 16 to nonprofit charitable organizations or to the family independence
- 17 agency for use in food banks, bulk food distributions, or similar
- 18 charitable food distribution programs. This subsection does not
- 19 apply to an agricultural product that is not in a form suitable for
- 20 use in the manner prescribed in this section, such as bulk grain,
- 21 live cattle, and hogs, which may be sold on the open market.
- 22 (3) Except as provided in subsections SUBSECTION (4), and (5),
- 23 the labor of inmates shall not be sold, hired, leased, loaned,
- 24 contracted for, or otherwise used for private or corporate profit
- 25 or for any purpose other than the construction, maintenance, or
- 26 operation of public works, ways, or property as directed by the
- 27 governor. This act does not prohibit the sale at retail of articles

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- 1 made by inmates for the personal benefit of themselves or their
- 2 dependents or the payment to inmates for personal services rendered
- 3 in the correctional institutions, subject to regulations approved
- 4 by the department of corrections, or the use of inmate labor upon
- 5 agricultural land that has been rented or leased by the department
- 6 of corrections upon a sharecropping or other basis.
- 7 (4) If more than 80% of a particular product sold in the
- 8 United States is manufactured outside the United States and none of
- 9 that product is manufactured in this state, or if a particular
- 10 service is not performed in this state, as determined by the
- 11 department of corrections in conjunction with the advisory council
- 12 for correctional industries, inmate labor may be used in the
- 13 manufacture of that product or the rendering of that service in a
- 14 private manufacturing or service enterprise established under
- 15 section 7a. A determination by the department of corrections under
- 16 this subsection shall be made at the time the individual or
- 17 business entity applies to the department for approval to produce
- 18 that product or render that service pursuant to section 7a.