

Introduced by Senator Dutton
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An act to amend Section 2807 of the Penal Code, relating to public contracts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 467, as introduced, Dutton. Public contracts: Prison Industry Authority.

Existing law establishes the Prison Industry Authority within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Existing law provides that the authority is authorized and empowered to operate industrial, agricultural, and service enterprises in order to provide products and services needed by the state. Existing law requires that state agencies purchase Prison Industry Authority products, make maximum utilization of these products, and consult with the staff of the authority to develop new products and adapt existing products to meet their needs.

This bill would provide that these requirements shall not restrict state agencies from entering into contracts of \$25,000 or less with California certified small businesses, microbusinesses, or disabled veteran business enterprises.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2807 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:

1 2807. (a) The authority is hereby authorized and empowered
2 to operate industrial, agricultural, and service enterprises which
3 will provide products and services needed by the state, or any
4 political subdivision thereof, or by the federal government, or any
5 department, agency, or corporation thereof, or for any other public
6 use. Products may be purchased by state agencies to be offered
7 for sale to inmates of the department and to any other person under
8 the care of the state who resides in state-operated institutional
9 facilities. Fresh meat may be purchased by food service operations
10 in state-owned facilities and sold for onsite consumption.

11 (b) All things authorized to be produced under subdivision (a)
12 shall be purchased by the state, or any agency thereof, and may
13 be purchased by any county, city, district, or political subdivision,
14 or any agency thereof, or by any state agency to offer for sale to
15 persons residing in state-operated institutions, at the prices fixed
16 by the Prison Industry Authority. State agencies shall make
17 maximum utilization of these products, and shall consult with the
18 staff of the authority to develop new products and adapt existing
19 products to meet their needs.

20 (c) *Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of this section, the*
21 *requirements imposed on state agencies to purchase Prison*
22 *Industry Authority products, make maximum utilization of these*
23 *products, and consult with the staff of the authority to develop new*
24 *products and adapt existing products to meet their needs shall not*
25 *restrict state agencies from entering into contracts of twenty-five*
26 *thousand dollars (\$25,000) or less with California certified small*
27 *businesses, microbusinesses, or disabled veteran business*
28 *enterprises, as defined in Section 14837 of the Government Code.*