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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits award of State contracts and development subsidies to inverted domestic corporations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT prohibiting the award of State contracts and development 2 subsidies to inverted domestic corporations, supplementing Title 3 52 of the Revised Statutes and amending P.L.2007, c.200. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. (New section) As used in this section, "inverted domestic 9 corporation" means a company that has been determined to be an 10 inverted corporation by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to 11 section 7874 of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 12 U.S.C.s.7874). An inverted domestic corporation shall be ineligible to be 13 awarded any contract or subcontract for the purchase of goods or 14 15 services, or any contract or subcontract for the construction or renovation of any public building or facility, that is paid, in whole 16 17 or in part, with or out of State funds or the funds of any independent State authority. Every corporation seeking to be awarded any such 18 19 contract or subcontract shall certify in writing that it is not an 20 inverted domestic corporation. 21 The provisions of this section shall not apply if application 22 thereof would violate any provision of federal law or prevent the receipt of federal funds by the State or a State independent 23 24 authority. 25 The State Treasurer shall promulgate, pursuant to the 26 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et 27 seq.), such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate 28 the purposes of this section. 29 30 Section 4 of P.L.2007, c.200 (C.52:39-4) is amended to read 2. 31 as follows: 32 4. a. Each applicant for a development subsidy shall submit to 33 the granting body an application for the development subsidy on a 34 form prepared by the State Treasurer. The information required on 35 the application, or in supplements accompanying the application, 36 shall include the following: 37 (1) An application tracking number provided by the granting 38 body; 39 (2) The names, street and mailing addresses, and phone numbers of the chief officer of the granting body, the chief officer 40 41 of the applicant's corporate parent and the applicant, and the street 42 address and three-digit North American Industry Classification 43 System number of the project site; 44 (3) The start date and the end date, if any, of the development 45 subsidy;

Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in **bold-faced brackets** [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

1 (4) A list of all development subsidies that the applicant is 2 requesting or receiving, the name of any other granting body from 3 which development subsidies are sought or obtained, the value of 4 each development subsidy and the aggregate value of all 5 development subsidies requested or received from all sources;

6 (5) A signed certification by the chief officer of the recipient 7 corporation that the application is accurate and meets the 8 requirements of [this act] <u>P.L.2007, c.200 (C.52:39-1 et seq.);</u>

9 (6) The total number of individuals employed by the applicant 10 at the project site on the date of the application, the anticipated 11 number of jobs that will be retained as a result of the development 12 subsidy and the number of new jobs to be created by the applicant 13 at the project site if the development subsidy is granted, broken 14 down by full-time, part-time, and temporary jobs;

(7) The average annual wage and benefit rates of current
employees and the anticipated average annual wage and benefit
rates of new employees;

18 (8) The number of current employees provided health benefits,
19 and the number of new employees anticipated to be provided health
20 benefits;

(9) How many of the current employees and how many of the
anticipated new employees are represented by a collective
bargaining unit;

(10) The average total number of individuals employed in New
Jersey during the calendar year preceding the submission of the
application by the applicant's corporate parent and all subsidiaries
thereof, broken down by full-time, part-time, and temporary jobs;

(11) A statement as to whether the development subsidy may
reduce employment at any other site controlled by the applicant or
its corporate parent, inside the State, resulting from automation,
merger, acquisition, corporate restructuring, or other business
activity;

33 (12) A statement as to whether or not the project involves the
34 relocation of work from another address and if so, the number of
35 jobs to be relocated and the address from which they are to be
36 relocated; [and]

37 (13) Any other information deemed useful or necessary by the
38 State Treasurer for the implementation of [this act] <u>P.L.2007</u>,
39 <u>c.200 (C.52:39-1 et seq.); and</u>

40 (14) A standing certificate attesting to the legal status of the
41 applicant.

b. Any granting body, other than the State Treasurer approving
the application, shall send a copy to the State Treasurer not more
than 15 business days after approval. If the application is not
approved, the granting body shall retain the application.

46 <u>c. A granting body shall not approve an application for a</u>
47 <u>development subsidy if the applicant or its corporate parent became</u>
48 <u>an inverted domestic corporation prior to its application.</u>

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1 d. A recipient corporation shall submit to the granting body a 2 standing certificate attesting to the legal status of the recipient 3 corporation one year after receiving a development subsidy and annually throughout the term of the development subsidy. 4 5 e. If a recipient corporation of a development subsidy becomes 6 an inverted domestic corporation during the term of a development 7 subsidy, the recipient corporation shall pay back the total value of 8 the development subsidy. 9 f. As used in this section, "inverted domestic corporation" 10 means a company that has been determined to be an inverted corporation by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to section 11 12 7874 of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. s.7874). 13 (cf: P.L.2007, c.200, s.4) 14 15 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but section 2 shall 16 remain inoperative for 60 days following the date of enactment. 17 18 19 **STATEMENT** 20 21 This bill prohibits the awarding of any contract that is paid with 22 or out of State funds, or the funds of any independent authority, to 23 an "inverted domestic corporation." 24 The bill also prohibits a public entity of the State from granting 25 a development subsidy to an inverted domestic corporation. The 26 bill defines "inverted domestic corporation" as a company that has 27 been determined to be an inverted corporation pursuant to section 7874 of the federal Internal Revenue Code. 28 29 The bill would not apply if application thereof violates any 30 federal law or prevents the receipt of federal funds by the State or a 31 State independent authority. The State Treasurer is directed to 32 promulgate rules and regulations to implement the bill's provisions. 33 The bill requires the recipient of a State development subsidy to 34 submit to the public granting body, annually during the term of the development subsidy, a standing certificate attesting to the legal 35 36 status of the recipient corporation operating in this State. 37 The bill requires a subsidy recipient to pay back the total value 38 of the development subsidy if it becomes an inverted domestic 39 corporation during the term of the subsidy.