

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 248 (SB 163)**

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Prior law provided that state agencies shall purchase, if available, goods and services from prison enterprises, or products manufactured in a certified Private Sector/Prison Industry Enhancement Program, if the prices are less than those of central purchasing.

Prior law (R.S. 39:2001 et seq.) provided for the "Hudson Initiative" to encourage business opportunities for small entrepreneurs by encouraging participation by such entities in state procurement and public contracts.

Prior law (R.S. 39:2171 et seq.) provided for the "Veteran Initiative" to encourage business opportunities for La. veteran and service-connected disabled veteran-owned small entrepreneurs by encouraging participation by such entities in state procurement and public contracts.

New law provides that state agencies which operate a state prison may purchase, if available, goods and services from vendors located in the parish in which the prison facility is located if the prices are less than those of central purchasing or prison enterprises, and the vendor meets the requirements of the Hudson Initiative and the Veteran Initiative.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 14, 2017).

(Amends R.S. 15:1157(A))