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House Bill _____
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-22-406, relative to the purchasing authority of the Tennessee rehabilitation and inmate labor board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-22-406, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) (1) The board shall have such powers as are necessary to effectively carry out its mission as defined in § 41-22-403. It is the intent of the general assembly that the board should be as free as is reasonably possible to operate its facilities and to pursue its mission with the principles of free enterprise.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the board shall have the authority to cause to be purchased and to develop the method for purchasing raw materials, supplies, services, not to include ongoing personnel, and equipment necessary for the production and timely delivery by prison industries of manufactured or agricultural products.

(b) It is the responsibility of the board to develop policies and procedures to ensure, to the extent practicable, that purchases made on behalf of prison industries are

at the lowest possible price while at the same time ensuring quality and timely delivery. The board shall file such policies and procedures with the board of standards for the board's review and approval.

(c) The board shall have the authority to purchase supplies, services and equipment through the department of general services and is encouraged to exercise the option to purchase through the department of general services under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, in circumstances which are advantageous for the timely delivery of low cost, quality products.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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