

HB 928 -- GOVERNMENTAL COMPETITION IN THE MARKETPLACE

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This bill prohibits the state and political subdivisions thereof from offering goods and services for rent or purchase if a private business offers a substantially comparable good or service in the same area. Exceptions to this prohibition are detailed in the bill. No revenue derived from the sale or rental of goods or services can be used to finance the sale or rental of any other good or service, and the revenue cannot be transferred to any other account including the general revenue of the state.

The state or any political subdivision cannot obtain a federal or state permit or authorization to offer a good or service unless the authorization is limited to governmental entities or no private business applied for the permit or authorization.

This provision must be construed in a manner that favors the sale of goods and services by a private business competing with a governmental entity and in a manner that limits government competition.

Violations of this provision can be reported to the Attorney General for investigation and remedial action or a private business may file a lawsuit to enjoin the state or political subdivision.

The state or a political subdivision thereof cannot agree, contract, or arrange with another entity to offer for sale or rent goods and services that it cannot offer itself.

This bill is similar to HB 907 (2017).