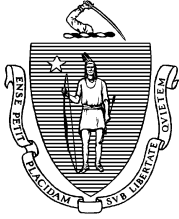


SENATE, No. 2562

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIFORM PROCUREMENT ACT

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 30B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 SECTION 21. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and to the
4 extent permitted by federal law, a governmental body may, by a majority vote, establish a
5 preference for products or services by businesses with its principal place of business in
6 the commonwealth as defined in section 3A of chapter 23A.

7 (b) Wherever a governmental body by a majority vote establishes a preference for the
8 procurement of such products or services by businesses with its principal place of
9 business in the commonwealth, the procurement officer responsible for procuring
10 products and services on behalf of the governmental body shall effectuate such

11 preference in: (i) advertising for bids, contracts or otherwise and making reasonable
12 efforts to facilitate the purchase of such products or services; and (ii) purchasing products
13 or services by businesses with its principal place of business in the Commonwealth,
14 unless the price of such goods or services exceed, by more than 10 per cent, the price of
15 such goods or services produced outside of the commonwealth.