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SENATE BILL No. 632

June 28, 2007, Introduced by Senators ALLEN, KUIPERS, KAHN, JELINEK and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1968 PA 15, entitled "Correctional industries act," by amending section 6 (MCL 800.326), as amended by 1996 PA 537.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 6. (1) Correctional industries products may be sold,
 exchanged, or purchased by institutions ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - (A) AN INSTITUTION of this or any other state or political subdivision of this or any other state, the federal government or agencies of the federal government, a foreign government or agencies of a foreign government, OR a private vendor that operates the youth correctional facility, or any A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THIS STATE.
 - (B) ANY organization that is a tax exempt organization under

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- 1 section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.
- 2 (C) ANY PRIVATE BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL, IF THE PRODUCTS ARE
- 3 CUT AND SEWN TEXTILES, BUT ONLY IF THE SAME OR A SIMILAR PRODUCT IS
- 4 NOT MANUFACTURED BY A PRIVATE BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.
- 5 (2) An agricultural product that is produced on a correctional
- 6 farm may be utilized within the correctional institutions or within
- 7 a youth correctional facility notwithstanding its operation by a
- 8 private vendor or sold to an institution, governmental agency, or
- 9 organization described in subsection (1) or sold for utilization in
- 10 the food production facilities of the department of corrections
- 11 notwithstanding the operation of those facilities by a private
- 12 vendor. An agricultural product that is not utilized or sold as
- 13 provided in this subsection shall be made available without charge
- 14 to nonprofit charitable organizations or to the family independence
- 15 agency for use in food banks, bulk food distributions, or similar
- 16 charitable food distribution programs. This subsection does not
- 17 apply to an agricultural product that is not in a form suitable for
- 18 use in the manner prescribed in this section, such as bulk grain,
- 19 live cattle, and hogs, which may be sold on the open market.
- 20 (3) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5), the labor
- 21 of inmates shall not be sold, hired, leased, loaned, contracted
- 22 for, or otherwise used for private or corporate profit or for any
- 23 purpose other than the construction, maintenance, or operation of
- 24 public works, ways, or property as directed by the governor. This
- 25 act does not prohibit the sale at retail of articles made by
- 26 inmates for the personal benefit of themselves or their dependents
- 27 or the payment to inmates for personal services rendered in the

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- 1 correctional institutions, subject to regulations approved by the
- 2 department of corrections, or the use of inmate labor upon
- 3 agricultural land that has been rented or leased by the department
- 4 of corrections upon a sharecropping or other basis.
- 5 (4) If more than 80% of a particular product sold in the
- 6 United States is manufactured outside the United States and none of
- 7 that product is manufactured in this state, or if a particular
- 8 service is not performed in this state, as determined by the
- 9 department of corrections in conjunction with the advisory council
- 10 for correctional industries, inmate labor may be used in the
- 11 manufacture of that product or the rendering of that service in a
- 12 private manufacturing or service enterprise established under
- 13 section 7a. A determination by the department of corrections under
- 14 this subsection shall be made at the time the individual or
- 15 business entity applies to the department for approval to produce
- 16 that product or render that service pursuant to section 7a.
- 17 (5) Inmate labor may be used in the youth correctional
- 18 facility notwithstanding the operation of that facility by a
- 19 private vendor.