

State of Arkansas  
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By: Representative Wilson

HOUSE BILL 1873

"AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM PLACING IN BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR HEALTH AND/OR LIFE INSURANCE A REQUIREMENT THAT THE CARRIERS CURRENTLY COVER A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF PEOPLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. The State Risk Manager, all State agencies, cities, counties and school districts are hereby prohibited from including in bid specifications for health and/or life insurance a requirement that the bidders have a minimum number of people covered at the time of submitting a bid. Furthermore, any bid specifications outstanding at the time of the effective date of this Act which contain a requirement that the insurance carrier bidders currently have covered a minimum number of people are void and shall be disregarded in the awarding of contracts.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that in some instances the State and its political subdivisions are writing bid specifications for health and life insurance to require a minimum number of people to be covered by the bidder at the time of making the bid; that such specifications appear to serve the purpose of excluding most insurance carriers from bidding on the contracts; that such requirements are unreasonable and fundamentally unfair; that this Act prohibits such unreasonable requirements and should be given immediate effect in order to cure the inequity that presently exists. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the

public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

