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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for hardwood manufacturer and supplier  
3 preferences.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Chapter 37 of Title 62 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

8 SUBCHAPTER F

9 HARDWOOD INTERIOR OFFICE FURNITURE

10 Sec.

11 3761. Definitions.

12 3762. Preference.

13 § 3761. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter  
15 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
16 context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Hardwood." Generally includes one of the botanical groups

1 of broadleaf trees in contrast to conifers or softwoods. The  
2 term includes, but is not limited to, the following: northern  
3 red oak, white oak, red maple, black cherry, hard maple, beech,  
4 poplar, walnut, ash and hickory.

5 "Interior office furniture." Equipment that is necessary or  
6 useful in day-to-day workings of an office including desks,  
7 chairs, bookcases, credenzas, computer workstations, storage  
8 cabinets or any component thereof.

9 "Purchasing agency." A Commonwealth agency authorized by  
10 this title or by other law to enter into contracts for itself or  
11 as the agent of another Commonwealth agency. When purchasing for  
12 another Commonwealth agency, the purchasing agency acts on  
13 behalf of the principal which needs the supplies, services and  
14 construction and shall coordinate and cooperate with that  
15 agency.

16 § 3762. Preference.

17 Any purchasing agency entering into a contract with a  
18 supplier or manufacturer of hardwood interior office furniture  
19 after the effective date of this subchapter shall, to the extent  
20 possible, grant a bid preference equal to 25% of the total cost  
21 of the interior office furniture to suppliers that supply  
22 interior hardwood office furniture manufactured in Pennsylvania,  
23 or to manufacturers that manufacture interior hardwood office  
24 furniture in Pennsylvania. The preference shall be against any  
25 other bid from suppliers that supply interior hardwood furniture  
26 manufactured outside of Pennsylvania, or from manufacturers that  
27 manufacture interior hardwood furniture outside of Pennsylvania.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.