

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1797*

Short Title: State Tire Contract.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

May 21, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT
2 LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STUDY OF
3 TIRE RETREAD PROCESSES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina of Department of Administration, Division
7 of Purchase and Contract, is directed to make the following changes to its Request for
8 Proposal criteria for a statewide tire retread contract:

- 9 (1) Require that the bids remain closed until a designated and advertised
10 bid-opening day in which the bids are opened, announced, and
11 recorded in public. The bids shall then be shown and made available to
12 the public.
- 13 (2) Do not require a specific type of retread method, such as a bead to
14 bead or precure product.
- 15 (3) Require that manufacturing company's original markings on tires be
16 visible and not removed during the retread process.
- 17 (4) Require that the cost of the tire retread include spot repairs, and that
18 there no longer be a separate charge for a spot repair.
- 19 (5) Include in the contract that all casings receive a state-of-the-art
20 inspection with the use of shearography, ultrasound, electrostatic
21 discharge, or other industry standard pressure testing methodology.
- 22 (6) Include a threshold for the number of times a casing may be retreaded.
- 23 (7) Include a threshold for the age of a casing that may be retreaded.
- 24 (8) Include the number of nail hole repairs that are permissible for a
25 casing to be retreaded.
- 26 (9) Provide assurance that a particular fleet will receive its own casings
27 back after retread completed.
- 28 (10) Set minimum tread depths per category or application of the retread
29 tire.

- 1 (11) Consider a multiaward contract structure that includes several vendors;
2 the Office of Purchase and Contract will take into account geographic
3 location and proximity of vendor to customer when creating a
4 multiaward contract.
- 5 (12) Allow State agencies to purchase up to ten percent (10%) of tires off
6 the State contract.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.