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Short Title: Define Locally Sourced/Public Contracts. (Public)

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY WHEN BIDDERS ON STATE AND LOCAL CONTRACTS MAY
3 MAINTAIN THAT GOODS ARE PRODUCED LOCALLY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 143-134.4. Definition of locally sourced goods and services.**

8 (a) Requirement. – A bidder for a contract to be let by a municipality or county and that
9 is subject to this Article shall not state that goods to be provided under the contract are
10 produced locally or that services to be provided under the contract are provided by local
11 contractors or subcontractors, or make any substantially similar claim, unless the goods are
12 produced, or the contractors and subcontractors based, within the applicable radius.

13 (b) Definition of Applicable Radius. – For purposes of this section, the term "applicable
14 radius" means one of the following, as applicable:

- 15 (1) If the public entity letting the contract is a municipality, a radius of 50 miles
16 from that municipality.
17 (2) If the public entity letting the contract is a county, a radius of a distance
18 equal to the distance between the center of the county and the farthest point
19 in that county."

20 **SECTION 2.** Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by
21 adding a new section to read:

22 "**§ 143-63.3. Definition of locally sourced goods.**

23 (a) Requirement. – A bidder for a contract that is subject to this Article shall not state
24 that goods to be provided under the contract are produced locally or make any substantially
25 similar claim unless the goods are produced within the applicable radius.

26 (b) Definition of Applicable Radius. – For purposes of this section, the term "applicable
27 radius" means one of the following, as applicable:

- 28 (1) If the public entity letting the contract is a municipality, a radius of 50 miles
29 from that municipality.
30 (2) If the public entity letting the contract is a county, a radius of a distance
31 equal to the distance between the center of the county and the farthest point
32 in that county."

33 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

