b. If the disability occurs on or after the time the employee attains the age of sixty-one years, the maximum benefit period shall end sixty months after continuous benefit payments begin or on the date on which the employee attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier.

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CHAPTER 1147

PREFERENCE FOR IOWA COAL S.F. 2317

AN ACT relating to the purchase of Iowa coal by state and local government institutions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 73.7, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

73.7 BIDS AND CONTRACTS. Before any user of coal designated in section 73.6, whose annual consumption of coal exceeds, in delivered value, the sum of three hundred dollars, shall purchase purchases any coal, it shall make request for bids for such the coal by advertising in a newspaper published in the county in which the purchaser has its principal office, and such. The advertisement shall, among other things, state the date, time and place such the bids shall be received, which date and time shall not be less than fifteen days after publication, and the advertisement shall contain the approximate quantity and description of coal to be purchased, and the. The bids for such the coal shall be opened in public at the time, date and place indicated in the said advertisement and, unless the purchasing body shall determine determines that the general good of the state, including the best interests of the taxpayer and the employment of labor, the adaptability of the coal offered, or the efficiency and cost of operation of the purchaser's plant makes it advisable to do otherwise, the contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, but any. However coal mined or produced in this state may be granted up to a five percent preference over coal mined or produced outside this state on the delivered cost per unit of heat produced. Any and all bids may be rejected; however, if all bids are rejected, then an advertisement for bids shall again be made as hereinbefore provided. After any a bid is accepted, a written contract shall be entered into and the successful bidder shall furnish a good and sufficient bond with qualified sureties for the faithful performance of the contract. Any contract for purchase of coal provided for in sections 73.6 to 73.9 may contain the provision that the purchaser may, in the event of an emergency, purchase coal elsewhere without advertising for bids in any year, for not more than ten percent of said the purchaser's annual coal requirements.

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