

SENATE FILE **2245**
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 2136)

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Approved April 2, 1990

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3/22/90 (p. 1258)
43-0*

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to bids for certain specialized highway or bridge
- 2 construction projects.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

SENATE FILE 2245

H-5582

- 1 Amend Senate File 2245, as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 4 and 5 and
- 3 inserting the following: "work for beam
- 4 straightening, beam replacement, and beam repair on
- 5 bridges, without advertising for bids as required".
- 6 2. Title page, line 1, by striking the words
- 7 "highway or".

By MURPHY of Dubuque

H-5582 FILED MARCH 8, 1990
Referred to the House (p. 111)

SENATE FILE 2245

H-5613

- 1 Amend Senate File 2245, as passed by the Senate, as
- 2 follows:
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By COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
KOENIGS of Mitchell, Chairperson

H-5613 FILED MARCH 13, 1990
Adopted 3/13 (p. 111)

SF 2245

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 313.11 BIDS -- SPECIALIZED
2 CONSTRUCTION.

3 The department may contract for specialized construction
4 work for the repair, restoration, or reconstruction of a
5 highway or bridge without advertising for bids as required
6 under section 313.10, if all of the following conditions are
7 met:

8 1. The work is of a specialized type in which fewer than
9 five contractors engage.

10 2. The department solicits written bids from all available
11 contractors engaged in the specialized type of work.

12 3. The work can be done for less than forty thousand
13 dollars.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill allows an exception to section 313.10 requiring
16 the department to advertise for bids if estimated construction
17 costs exceed \$1,000. The department would not be required to
18 advertise if the construction work is of a specialized type in
19 which fewer than five contractors engage, if the department
20 solicits written bids from all of the available contractors
21 engaged in the type of work needed and if the work can be done
22 for less than \$40,000.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE FILE 2245

S-5551

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RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE

S-5551 FILED MARCH 19, 1990

Senate concurred 3/22 (p. 1258)

LLOYD-JONES, CH.
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SSB 2136
TRANSPORTATION
SENATE FILE 2245
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION BILL)

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23 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

24 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

25 The department of transportation (DOT) is required to
26 advertise for bids if estimated costs for a project exceed
27 \$1,000, unless it is an emergency, then bids up to \$75,000 may
28 be solicited. Counties may solicit for bids for nonemergency
29 work up to \$40,000.

30 Situations arise where nonemergency work of a very
31 specialized nature costing over \$1,000 is needed. In some
32 instances, only one firm may be capable of doing the work and
33 that firm is not attuned to the bidding process. For example,
34 with damaged steel bridge beams, heat straightening is used
35 when analysis indicates it is cost effective to straighten

1 rather than replacing the beam. The department is aware of
2 only one firm (from out of state) willing to work in Iowa and
3 capable of performing this technically difficult work. The
4 department has accomplished four repairs of this type, two in
5 1988 and two in 1989, with contractor payments from \$21,000 to
6 \$39,000.

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SENATE FILE 2245

AN ACT
RELATING TO BIDS FOR CERTAIN SPECIALIZED BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 313.11 BIDS -- SPECIALIZED
CONSTRUCTION.

The department may contract for specialized construction work for beam straightening, beam replacement, and beam repair on bridges, without advertising for bids as required under section 313.10, if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The work is of a specialized type in which fewer than five contractors engage.
2. The department solicits written bids from all available contractors engaged in the specialized type of work.

JO ANN ZIMMERMAN
President of the Senate

DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2245, Seventy-third General Assembly.

JOHN F. DWYER
Secretary of the Senate

Approved *April 3*, 1990

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor