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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 672, L.D. 1875, Bill, "An Act to Waive the Competitive Bid Requirement for Lease of Certain Unused State Facilities"

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Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of paragraph B and inserting in its place the following:

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'B. Notwithstanding this subsection, the director may lease an available facility or portion of an available facility to a type of organization described in paragraph A without competitive bidding if:

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(1) A total of 2,500 square feet or less in the available facility is unused and therefore available for lease; or

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(2) The space leased is limited to 50% or less of the available facility up to a total of 20,000 square feet.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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Allowing the lease of certain state facilities without soliciting competitive bids is expected to increase revenue by an undetermined amount in the current or a future fiscal year.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Whether the revenue increase is to the General Fund, the Highway
Fund or Other Special Revenue Funds will depend on the facility
being leased.

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6 The Department of Administrative and Financial Services,
Bureau of General Services will realize some minor savings by the
elimination of the requirement to seek competitive bids to lease
8 certain state facilities.'

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SUMMARY

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14 This amendment provides that, for a facility 5,000 square
feet or smaller, the State may lease up to 2,500 square feet of
unused space without competitive bidding, including the whole
16 facility if the whole facility is less than 2,500 square feet in
size. For a facility between 5,000 and 40,000 square feet, the
18 State may lease up to 50% of the facility without competitive
bidding if the space is unused. For facilities over 40,000
20 square feet, the State is limited to leasing 20,000 square feet
of space per facility regardless of how much is unused.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.