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HB 2571: Arizona highway magazine; privatization Sponsor: Representative Biasiucci, LD 30 Caucus & COW

Overview

Outlines procedures for the sale and purchase of the Arizona Highways Magazine.

History

The <u>Arizona Highways Magazine</u> was established in the early 1920s by the Arizona Highway Department, now called the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The award-winning magazine contains travel stories and scenic photographs pertinent to Arizona's history.

Subject to approval by the Director of ADOT, the publisher of the Arizona Highway Magazine may employ or enter into contracts for distribution and wholesale sale of the magazine and contract for the publication, production, sale and distribution of sole source creative products in the magazine. The Director may award a printing and publishing contract, lasting no more than five years, to a bidder who has proper facilities and equipment necessary to perform all stages of production (A.R.S. § 28-7314).

Provisions

- 1. Authorizes ADOT to sell the magazine to a private entity, solicit bids on the magazine and annually charge a fee, in an amount determined by ADOT, for the magazine. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Asserts that the magazine will be transferred back to ADOT if a new private owner does not publish the magazine monthly. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Prescribes that if a private entity wants to sell the magazine, ADOT has the first right of purchasing. (Sec. 1)

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