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SYNOPSIS

Establishes price preference program on State contracts for service-disabled veteran-owned businesses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning preferences for service-disabled veteran-owned
2 businesses and supplementing P.L.1954, c.84 (C.52:34-6 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. In awarding a contract which is paid with State funds and
8 publicly advertised for bids, a State agency shall give a preference
9 of up to 15 percent of the amount of the contract to a qualified
10 disabled veterans' business. If the qualified disabled veterans'
11 business otherwise meets the requirements of the contract
12 solicitation and with the preference is the lowest bidder, a State
13 agency shall enter into a procurement contract with the qualified
14 disabled veterans' business. If two or more qualified disabled
15 veterans' businesses are the lowest bidders on a contract, the
16 qualified disabled veterans' business with the lowest bid shall be
17 awarded the contract.

18 As used in this act, "qualified disabled veterans' business"
19 means a business which has its principal place of business in the
20 State, is independently owned and operated, and at least 51 percent
21 of which is owned and controlled by persons who are disabled
22 veterans, or a business which has its principal place of business in
23 this State and has been officially verified by the State of New Jersey
24 Department of the Treasury or the United States Department of
25 Veterans Affairs as a service-disabled veteran-owned business for
26 the purposes of department contracts pursuant to State and federal
27 law.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill establishes a price preference program for service-
35 disabled veteran-owned businesses competing for State contracts.

36 Under current law, certain purchases or contracts payable out of
37 State funds are publicly advertised and competitively bid on by
38 businesses. The State then awards the contract to the lowest bidder.

39 This bill would establish a price preference of up to 15 percent of
40 the amount of the contract to a qualified disabled veterans'
41 business. If the disabled veterans' business meets the requirements
42 of the contract solicitation and is the lowest bidder due to the
43 preference program, a State agency will enter into a procurement
44 contract with the disabled veterans' business. If two or more
45 qualified disabled veterans' businesses bid on a contract utilizing
46 the preference program, the disabled veterans' business with the
47 lowest bid will be awarded the contract.

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1 This bill defines “qualified disabled veterans’ business” to mean
2 an independently owned and operated business that has its principal
3 place of business in the State, and at least 51 percent of which is
4 owned and controlled by persons who are disabled veterans.
5 “Qualified disabled veterans’ business” also means a business that
6 has its principal place of business in this State and has been
7 officially verified by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury or
8 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a service-
9 disabled veteran-owned business for the purposes of department
10 contracts pursuant to State and federal law.