

**ASSEMBLY, No. 870**

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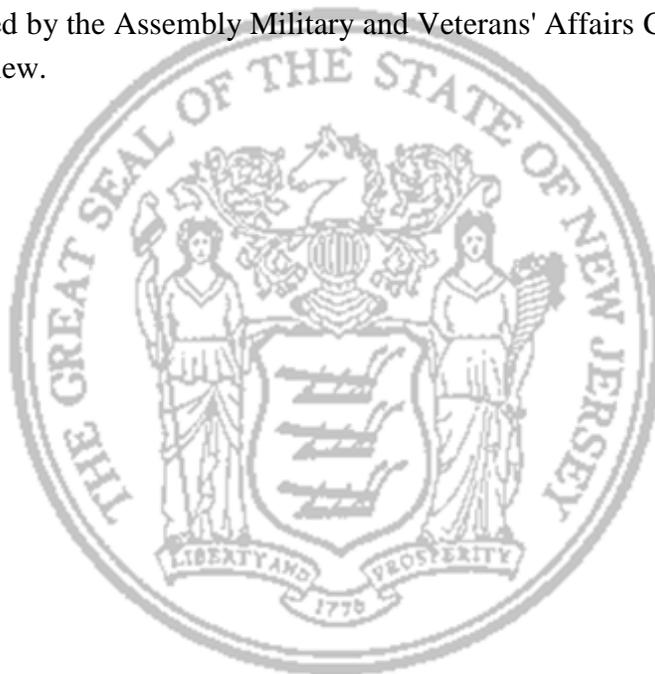
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes price preference program on State contracts for businesses owned by women veterans or women in military service.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning preferences for State contracts for businesses  
2 owned by women veterans or women serving in the military, and  
3 supplementing P.L.1954, c.84 (C.52:34-6 et seq.).  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. In awarding a contract which is paid with State funds and  
9 publicly advertised for bids, a State agency shall give a preference  
10 of up to 10 percent of the amount of the contract to a qualified  
11 business that is owned by a woman veteran or a woman serving in  
12 the military. If the qualified business otherwise meets the  
13 requirements of the contract solicitation and with the preference is  
14 the lowest bidder, a State agency shall enter into a procurement  
15 contract with that business. If two or more such businesses are the  
16 lowest bidders on a contract, the business with the lowest bid shall  
17 be awarded the contract.

18 If a woman owner dies during the term of a contract or in the  
19 bidding process for a contract and the surviving spouse acquires the  
20 woman's ownership interest in the business, the business shall  
21 remain eligible for the preference and that contract during the term  
22 of the contract or the bidding process for that contract.

23 As used in this act:

24 "Woman veteran" means a resident of this State who identifies as  
25 female and was honorably discharged or released under conditions  
26 other than dishonorable from active service in a branch of the  
27 Armed Forces of the United States; and

28 "Woman serving in the military" means a resident of this State  
29 who identifies as female and is serving in the United States Armed  
30 Forces on full time active duty status or who has completed Initial  
31 Entry Training.

32 "Qualified business" means a business which (1) has its principal  
33 place of business in the State, (2) is independently owned and  
34 operated, (3) at least 51 percent of which is owned and controlled  
35 by one or more persons who are women veterans or women serving  
36 in the military, and (4) the management and daily business  
37 operations are controlled by one or more women veterans or women  
38 serving in the military, or, in the case of a woman veteran with a  
39 permanent and severe disability, are controlled by the spouse of  
40 such veteran.

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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.