



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 931

LCO No. 3318



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of
2 Veterans' Affairs shall, within available resources, establish and
3 maintain a registry of data pertaining to small business concerns
4 owned and controlled by veterans and small business concerns owned
5 and controlled by service-disabled veterans that maintain their
6 principal place of business in the state. Such registry shall include, but
7 not be limited to, the name of the veteran or veterans who own each
8 such business concern, the location of such business concern and the
9 type of business in which each such business concern engages. The
10 department shall request this information annually from the United
11 States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate state
12 and federal agencies. For purposes of this section, "small business
13 concern owned and controlled by veterans" and "small business
14 concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans" have the
15 same meanings as provided in 15 USC 632(q), as amended from time
16 to time.

17 Sec. 2. Section 27-102n of the general statutes is repealed and the
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

19 (a) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Department of
20 Veterans' Affairs. The board shall be comprised of the commissioner
21 and sixteen members who by education or experience shall be
22 qualified in health care, business management, social services or law
23 and who shall have a demonstrated interest in the concerns of
24 veterans. A majority of the members of the board shall be veterans,
25 including veterans of World War II, the Korean hostilities and the
26 Vietnam era. Members shall be appointed as follows: Ten by the
27 Governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and one
28 member each by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker
29 of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the
30 majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of
31 the Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
32 whose terms shall be coterminous with the term of the appointing
33 authority. Members shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their
34 duties. They shall receive no compensation for their services but shall
35 be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses in the performance of
36 their duties.

37 (b) The board shall meet at least quarterly and upon the call of the
38 commissioner. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

39 (c) The board shall advise and assist the commissioner in the
40 operation of the Veterans' Home, the veterans' advocacy and assistance
41 unit, the administration, expansion or modification of existing
42 programs and services of the department and the development of new
43 programs and services.

44 (d) The board shall review and approve any regulations prior to
45 adoption by the commissioner concerning: (1) Procedures relating to
46 admission and discharge or transfer of veterans in the home; (2) a per
47 diem fee schedule for programs, services and benefits provided

48 therein; and (3) the participation of eligible family members in
49 programs or services provided by the home.

50 (e) The board shall submit an annual report to the Governor [,] and
51 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
52 cognizance of matters relating to [public safety and the select
53 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
54 relating to] military and veterans' affairs, in accordance with the
55 provisions of section 11-4a, on its activities with its recommendations,
56 if any, for improving the delivery of services to veterans and the
57 addition of new programs. Such report shall include an accounting,
58 based on information contained in the registry described in section 1 of
59 this act, of the number of small business concerns owned and
60 controlled by veterans and small business concerns owned and
61 controlled by service-disabled veterans that maintain their principal
62 place of business in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	27-102n

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a mechanism for monitoring the number of small businesses owned by veterans and disabled veterans in the state to determine whether future legislation establishing state contracting preferences for such businesses is appropriate.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]