

Veterans' Affairs Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-344
AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACTING PRICE PREFERENCES FOR
Title: VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES.
Vote Date: 3/15/2022
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/8/2022
File No.: 224

***Disclaimer:** The following JOINT FAVORABLE Report is prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and does not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose.*

SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' Affairs Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill is to provide a ten percent preference to veteran-owned businesses, in order to support those businesses.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Commissioner Thomas J. Saadi, Department of Veterans Affairs](#), supports the technical adjustments of the bill, as well as its preservation of the current bidding preference, but suggests lowering the threshold for bidding preference eligibility to 50% veteran ownership.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Representative Stephen Harding, Jr. \(107th District\)](#) supports as due recognition to veterans for their service in the military.

[Tom Moore](#), U.S. Army veteran, supports, citing benefits of veteran-owned businesses over non-veteran-owned businesses,

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[David Godbout](#) opposes on the ground that the current session of the CGA is illegal, in breach of Article 3, Section 16 of the State Constitution.

Reported by: Brendan Civitello

Date: 3/22/2022