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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1312

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 5-22-14-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "NGB-22" means the National Guard Report of Separation form or its predecessor or successor form.**

SECTION 2. IC 5-22-14-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 2.5. As used in this chapter, "veteran" means an individual who:**

(1) has previously:

(A) served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the national guard, or in the Indiana National Guard; and

(B) received an honorable discharge from service; or

(2) is currently serving in:

(A) any branch of the armed forces of the United States or their reserves;

(B) the national guard; or

(C) the Indiana National Guard.

SECTION 3. IC 5-22-14-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.90-2013, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) A business qualifies as a small business**

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for purposes of this chapter if the business is an Indiana small business concern owned and controlled by veterans, as defined in 15 U.S.C. 632(q)(3) as in effect January 1, 2013, **or is an Indiana small business owned and operated by veterans (as defined in section 2.5 of this chapter)** and the business:

(1) has:

(A) a current verification as a veteran owned small business concern under 38 CFR 74, et seq., by the Center of Veterans Enterprise of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; **or**

(B) a current certification as a veteran owned small business by the Indiana department of administration;

(2) is owned and controlled by one (1) or more veterans ~~who have been residents of Indiana for at least one (1) year before making an offer~~ or, in the case of a corporation, have at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the corporation's stock owned by one (1) or more veterans; ~~who have been residents of Indiana for at least one (1) year before making an offer;~~ and

(3) has its principal place of business located in Indiana.

(b) The Indiana economic development corporation may assist the Indiana department of administration in doing any of the following:

(1) Compiling and maintaining a comprehensive list of veteran owned small businesses.

(2) Assisting veteran owned small businesses in complying with the procedures for bidding on state contracts.

(3) Examining requests from the Indiana department of administration for the purchase of supplies or services to help determine which purchases may be consistent with the goal described in section 11(a) of this chapter.

(4) Simplifying specifications and contract terms to increase the opportunities for veteran owned small businesses to participate in state contracts.

(c) The Indiana economic development corporation, in consultation with the Indiana department of administration, may develop programs to encourage cities, counties, towns, townships, and private businesses to adopt the goal for contracts with veteran owned small businesses described in section 11(a) of this chapter.

(d) For purposes of this chapter, information submitted by an applicant for certification as a veteran owned small business that contains:

(1) personal financial information; or

(2) confidential business information;



is confidential.

(e) For purposes of this chapter, the following forms submitted by an applicant for certification as a veteran owned small business are confidential:

- (1) DD 214 (as defined in IC 10-17-15-1).**
- (2) NGB-22 (as defined in section 0.5 of this chapter).**
- (3) All forms submitted to verify current military or naval service status.**

SECTION 4. IC 5-22-14-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2014, SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 11. (a) The Indiana department of administration shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

- (1) Increase contracting opportunities for Indiana veteran owned small businesses described in section 3.5 of this chapter with a goal to procure in each state fiscal year at least three percent (3%) of state contracts with Indiana veteran owned small businesses.
- (2) Develop procurement policies and procedures to accomplish the goal described in subdivision (1), including guidelines to be followed by the Indiana department of administration in conducting the department's procurement efforts.

(3) Implement IC 5-22-14-3.5.

These procurement policies do not apply to a procurement of supplies and services to address immediate and serious government needs at a time of emergency, including a threat to the public health, welfare, or safety that may arise by reason of floods, epidemics, riots, acts of terrorism, major power failures, a threat proclaimed by the President of the United States or the governor, or a threat declared by the commissioner of the Indiana department of administration.

(b) The Indiana department of administration shall annually evaluate its progress in meeting the goal described in this section for the previous state fiscal year. Beginning in 2014, after June 30 and before November 1 of each year, the Indiana department of administration shall submit a report to the governor, the Indiana department of veterans' affairs, and the interim study committee on public safety and military affairs established by IC 2-5-1.3-4 and the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6. The report must include:

- (1) the percentage goal obtained by the Indiana department of administration during the previous state fiscal year; and
- (2) a summary of why the Indiana department of administration failed to meet the goal and what actions are being taken by the Indiana department of administration to meet the goal in the



current state fiscal year.

(c) The Indiana department of administration shall post the report described in subsection (b) on the department's Internet web site not later than thirty (30) days after the report is submitted. The Indiana department of veterans' affairs shall post the report described in subsection (b) on the department's Internet web site not later than thirty (30) days after the report is submitted by the Indiana department of administration.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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