112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H.R. 1657

## AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- ${\it 2\ tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled},$

| 1   | SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EN                |
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| 2   | FORCEMENT PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESEN                         |
| 3   | TATION OF A BUSINESS CONCERN AS A                           |
| 4   | SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN OWNED AND                            |
| 5   | CONTROLLED BY VETERANS OR AS A SMALL                        |
| 6   | BUSINESS CONCERN OWNED AND CON-                             |
| 7   | TROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS.                       |
| 8   | Subsection (g) of section 8127 of title 38, United          |
| 9   | States Code, is amended—                                    |
| 10  | (1) by striking "Any business" and inserting                |
| 11  | "(1) Any business";   |
| 12  | (2) by striking "a reasonable period of time, as            |
| 13  | determined by the Secretary" and inserting "a pe-           |
| 14  | riod of not less than five years"; and                      |
| 15  | (3) by adding at the end the following new                  |
| 16  | paragraphs:   |
| 17  | "(2) In the case of a debarment under paragraph (1)         |
| 18  | the Secretary shall commence debarment action against       |
| 19  | the business concern by not later than 30 days after deter- |
| 20  | mining that the concern misrepresented the status of the    |
| 21  | concern as described in paragraph (1) and shall complete    |
| 22  | debarment actions against such concern by not later than    |
| 23  | 90 days after such determination.                           |
| 24  | "(3) The debarment of a business concern under              |
| 2.5 | paragraph (1) includes the debarment of all principals in   |

- 1 the business concern for a period of not less than five
- 2 years.".

Passed the House of Representatives May 23, 2011. Attest:

Clerk.

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