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**HOUSE BILL 14-1224**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A SET ASIDE GOAL IN STATE PROCUREMENT FOR**  
102 **SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill establishes a goal that, in awarding contracts that are subject to the "Procurement Code", each state agency will award at least 3% of all contracts by dollar value to service-disabled veteran owned small businesses. To satisfy this goal, a state agency may grant a preference, either by evaluation or by allowing a set aside, for

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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service-disabled veteran owned small businesses.

In awarding a contract to a business in furtherance of the 3% goal, a state agency is required to obtain verification from the business that the business is a certified service-disabled veteran owned small business by the United States department of veterans affairs.

The executive director of the department of personnel is required to submit an annual report regarding the state's progress in satisfying the 3% goal to the department of military and veterans affairs and to the committees of the house of representatives and the senate that have jurisdiction over state affairs and veterans affairs.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-103-211 as  
3 follows:

4           **24-103-211. Service-disabled veteran owned small businesses**  
5 **- state procurement set aside - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS  
6 SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7           (a) "SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS"  
8 MEANS A BUSINESS THAT IS:

9           (I) INCORPORATED OR ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OR THAT IS  
10 MAINTAINING A PLACE OF BUSINESS OR OFFICE IN THE STATE; AND

11           (II) OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AND VERIFIED AS A  
12 SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS BY THE CENTER FOR  
13 VETERANS ENTERPRISE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
14 VETERANS AFFAIRS.

15           (b) "STATE AGENCY" MEANS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE  
16 EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
17 24-1-110, INCLUDING ANY DIVISION, OFFICE, AGENCY, OR OTHER UNIT  
18 CREATED WITHIN A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING INSTITUTIONS OF  
19 HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER  
20 EDUCATION; EXCEPT THAT "STATE AGENCY" DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE

1 ENTITIES THAT HAVE ELECTED TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CODE PURSUANT  
2 TO SECTION 24-101-105 (1) (b).

3 (2) IN AWARDING ALL CONTRACTS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THIS  
4 CODE, THE STATE SHALL HAVE THE GOAL OF AWARDING AT LEAST THREE  
5 PERCENT OF ALL SUCH CONTRACTS, BY DOLLAR VALUE, TO  
6 SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES. TO SATISFY THIS  
7 GOAL, A STATE AGENCY MAY GRANT A PREFERENCE FOR  
8 SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.

9 (3) WHEN A STATE AGENCY INTENDS TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO  
10 A BUSINESS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE THREE PERCENT GOAL SPECIFIED IN  
11 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE AGENCY SHALL, PRIOR TO  
12 AWARDING THE CONTRACT, REQUIRE THE BUSINESS TO SUBMIT TO THE  
13 AGENCY DOCUMENTATION FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
14 VETERANS AFFAIRS THAT VERIFIES THAT THE BUSINESS IS A  
15 SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS.

16 (4) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, AND ON OR BEFORE  
17 SEPTEMBER 30 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL  
18 SUBMIT A REPORT REGARDING THE STATE'S PROGRESS IN SATISFYING THE  
19 THREE PERCENT GOAL ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
20 OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO  
21 BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES  
22 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE THAT HAVE  
23 JURISDICTION OVER STATE AFFAIRS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. THE REPORT  
24 SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

25 (a) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRACTS THAT ALL STATE AGENCIES  
26 AWARDED TO SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES IN  
27 THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR AND THE NUMBER OF SUCH CONTRACTS THAT

1 EACH STATE AGENCY AWARDED;

2 (b) THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS THAT ALL STATE  
3 AGENCIES AWARDED TO SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL  
4 BUSINESSES IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR AND THE PERCENTAGE THAT SUCH  
5 DOLLAR AMOUNT BEARS TO THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS  
6 AWARDED BY ALL STATE AGENCIES IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR;

7 (c) THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS THAT EACH STATE  
8 AGENCY AWARDED TO SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL  
9 BUSINESSES IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR AND THE PERCENTAGE THAT SUCH  
10 DOLLAR AMOUNT BEARS TO THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS  
11 AWARDED BY THE STATE AGENCY IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; AND

12 (d) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED  
13 SMALL BUSINESSES THAT RESPONDED TO SOLICITATION FOR BIDS OR  
14 PROPOSALS ISSUED BY ALL STATE AGENCIES IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR  
15 AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCH BUSINESSES THAT RESPONDED TO  
16 SOLICITATIONS FOR BIDS OR PROPOSALS ISSUED BY EACH STATE AGENCY.

17 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.