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#### **SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes local public contract set-aside program for business enterprises that are owned by or that employ veterans.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on September 27, 2012, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/20/2012)

1 AN ACT concerning certain public contract set-aside programs and 2 amending P.L.1985, c.482.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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- 1. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.482 (C.40A:11-41) is amended to read as follows:
- 9 As used in this act:
- 10 "County or municipal contracting agency" shall mean the governing body of a county or municipality or any department, 11 12 board, commission, committee, authority or agency of a county or 13 municipality but shall not include school districts;
- 14 "Minority group members" shall mean persons who are black, Hispanic, Portuguese, Asian-American, American Indian or 16 Alaskan natives;
  - c. "Qualified women's business enterprise" shall mean a business which has its principal place of business in this State, is independently owned and operated, is at least 51% owned and controlled by women and is qualified pursuant to section 25 of P.L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-25);
  - "Qualified minority business enterprise" shall mean a business which has its principal place of business in this State, is independently owned and operated, is at least 51% owned and controlled by minority group members and is qualified pursuant to section 25 of P.L. 1971, c. 198 (C. 40A:11-25);
- 27 "Qualified small business enterprise" shall mean a business 28 which has its principal place of business in this State, is 29 independently owned and operated and meets all other 30 qualifications as may be established in accordance with P.L. 1981, 31 c. 283 (C. 52:27H-21.1 et seq.);
  - "Set-aside contracts" shall mean (1) a contract for goods, equipment, construction, or services which is designated as a contract for which bids are invited and accepted only from qualified small business enterprises, qualified minority business enterprises or qualified women's business enterprises, as appropriate, (2) a portion of a contract when that portion has been so designated, or (3) any other purchase or procurement so designated; and
- 39 g. "Total procurements" shall mean all purchases, contracts or 40 acquisitions of a county or municipal contracting agency, whether 41 by competitive bidding, single source contracting, or other method 42 of procurement, as prescribed or permitted by law:
- 43 "Veteran" shall have the same meaning as set forth in 44 subsection b. of N.J.S.11A:5-1, except that the veteran shall present

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted September 27, 2012.

- 1 to the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'
- 2 Affairs sufficient evidence of a record of service and receive a
- 3 <u>determination of status no later than the date established for the</u>
- 4 <u>submission of bids</u>;
- 5 <u>i. "Qualified veteran business enterprise" shall mean a</u>
- 6 <u>business which has its principal place of business in this State, is</u>
- 7 <u>independently owned and operated, is at least 51% owned and</u>
- 8 controlled by a veteran, or that agrees to hire veterans<sup>1</sup>, equaling at
- 9 <u>least twenty five percent of the required workforce for the contract</u>
- 10 including veterans hired if additional workers are required to
- 11 perform the contract, and is qualified pursuant to section 25 of
- 12 P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-25). <sup>1</sup>The business shall also submit
- 13 forms quarterly to the contracting agency showing proof of veteran
- 14 <u>status for all the veteran employees.</u><sup>1</sup>
- 15 (cf: P.L.1985, c.482, s.1)

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- 2. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.482 (C.40A:11-42) is amended to read as follows:
  - 2. a. The governing body of a county or municipality may, by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, establish a qualified minority business enterprise set-aside program. In authorizing such a program, the governing body of a county or municipality shall establish a goal for its contracting agencies of setting aside a certain percentage of the dollar value of total procurements to be awarded as set-aside contracts to qualified minority business enterprises.
  - b. The governing body of a county or municipality may, by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, establish a qualified women's business enterprise set-aside program. In authorizing such a program, the governing body of a county or municipality shall establish a goal for its contracting agencies of setting aside a certain percentage of the dollar value of total procurements to be awarded as set-aside contracts to qualified women's business enterprises.
  - c. The governing body of a county or municipality may, by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, establish a qualified small business enterprise set-aside program. In authorizing such a program, the governing body of a county or municipality shall establish a goal for its contracting agencies of setting aside a certain percentage of the dollar value of total procurements to be awarded as set-aside contracts to qualified small business enterprises.
  - d. The governing body of a county or municipality may, by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, establish a qualified veteran business enterprise set-aside program. In authorizing such a program, the governing body of a county or municipality shall establish a goal for its contracting agencies of setting aside a certain

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1	percentage of the dollar value of total procurements to be	<u>e awarded</u>
2	as set-aside contracts to qualified veteran business enterpri	ses

3 (cf: P.L.1985, c.482, s.2)

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5 3. This act shall take effect immediately.