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H. R. 3363

To amend the Small Business Act to improve the preference for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. PREFERENCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CON-**
4 **CERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY VET-**
5 **ERANS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Small Business Act (15
7 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating section 44 as section 45;
9 and

1 (2) by inserting after section 43 the following
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 44. PREFERENCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS**
4 **OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY VETERANS.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In complying with a preference
6 under this Act or any other provision of law for awarding
7 a contract to a small business concern owned and con-
8 trolled by veterans or service-disabled veterans, the head
9 of an executive agency may consider only a small business
10 concern that is verified in the small business database
11 maintained by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under
12 section 8127(f) of title 38, United States Code. In the case
13 of any prime contract awarded by an executive agency
14 under which the executive agency requires the contractor
15 to comply with any such preference, the head of the execu-
16 tive agency shall require the prime contractor, in awarding
17 subcontracts under the prime contract, to consider only
18 small business concerns that are verified in such small
19 business database.

20 “(b) VERIFICATION.—For purposes of this section, a
21 small business concern that is waiting for verification by
22 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under paragraph (4) of
23 section 8127(f) of title 38, United States Code, shall be
24 deemed to be verified in the small business database main-
25 tained by the Secretary under such section.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 44 of the Small
2 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.), as added by sub-
3 section (a), shall take effect on the date that is 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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