

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1382

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 2015

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Boosting Rates of
3 American Veteran Employment Act” or the “BRAVE
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PREFERENCE FOR OFFERORS EMPLOYING VET-**
6 **ERANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 81 of
8 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding after
9 section 8128 the following new section:

10 **“§ 8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans**

11 “(a) PREFERENCE.—In awarding a contract (or task
12 order) for the procurement of goods or services, the Sec-
13 retary may give a preference to offerors that employ vet-
14 erans on a full-time basis. The Secretary shall determine
15 such preference based on the percentage of the full-time
16 employees of the offeror who are veterans.

17 “(b) ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTEN-
18 TATION.—(1) Any offeror that is determined by the Sec-
19 retary to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented
20 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror for pur-
21 poses of subsection (a) shall be debarred from contracting
22 with the Department for a period of not less than 5 years.

23 “(2) In the case of a debarment under paragraph (1),
24 the Secretary shall commence debarment action against
25 the offeror by not later than 30 days after determining
26 that the offeror willfully and intentionally misrepresented

1 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror as de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1) and shall complete debarment ac-
3 tions against such offeror by not later than 90 days after
4 such determination.

5 “(3) The debarment of an offeror under paragraph
6 (1) includes the debarment of all principals in the offeror
7 for a period of not less than 5 years.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
10 after the item relating to section 8128 the following new
11 item:

“8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 18, 2015.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.

By ROBERT F. REEVES,

Deputy Clerk.