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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certify the sufficient participation of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and small business concerns owned by veterans with service-connected disabilities in contracts under the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative, and for other purposes.

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 “Ensuring Veteran En-  
3 terprise Participation in Strategic Sourcing Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CERTIFI-**  
5 **CATION OF SUFFICIENT PARTICIPATION OF**  
6 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND**  
7 **CONTROLLED BY VETERANS AND SMALL**  
8 **BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED BY VETERANS**  
9 **WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES IN**  
10 **CONTRACTS UNDER THE FEDERAL STRA-**  
11 **TEGIC SOURCING INITIATIVE.**

12       (a) **CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180  
13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
14 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees  
15 on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives and  
16 the Senate certification in writing that with respect to  
17 each contract (except for domestic delivery services)  
18 awarded under the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative  
19 (managed by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy)  
20 a sufficient number of small business concerns owned and  
21 controlled by veterans and a sufficient number of small  
22 business concerns owned and controlled by veterans with  
23 service-connected disabilities are represented within each  
24 category.

25       (b) **INSUFFICIENT REPRESENTATION.**—If the Sec-  
26 retary determines that the representation by small busi-

1 ness concerns owned and controlled by veterans or small  
2 business concerns owned and controlled by veterans with  
3 service-connected disabilities within a category of the con-  
4 tracts awarded under such Federal Strategic Sourcing Ini-  
5 tiative is not a sufficient number, the Secretary shall—

6 (1) consult with the Administrator of the Gen-  
7 eral Services Administration to increase the number  
8 of such concerns awarded contracts under such cat-  
9 egory; or

10 (2) require the Department of Veterans Affairs  
11 to stop awarding orders under that category of the  
12 Initiative, effective on the date of such determina-  
13 tion.

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The terms “small business concern owned  
16 and controlled by veterans” and “small business  
17 concern owned and controlled by veterans with serv-  
18 ice-connected disabilities” have the meaning given  
19 such terms in section 8127(k) of title 38, United  
20 States Code.

21 (2) The term “category” means—

22 (A) a type of supply or service for which  
23 a suite of contracts has been established under  
24 the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative; or

1 (B) any further subdivision or grouping  
2 within such a suite of contracts.

3 (3) The term “sufficient number”, with respect  
4 to a type of business concern, means not fewer than  
5 two and enough to maximize the percentage of or-  
6 ders entered into by the Secretary with such busi-  
7 ness concerns, as determined by the Secretary.

Passed the House of Representatives July 24, 2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*