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115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2781

[Report No. 115–250]

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2017

Mr. DUNN (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 24, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. BOST and Mr. BERGMAN

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 6, 2017]

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Veteran Enter-*
5 *prise Participation in Strategic Sourcing Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CERTIFICATION**
7 **OF SUFFICIENT PARTICIPATION OF SMALL**
8 **BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CON-**
9 **TROLLED BY VETERANS AND SMALL BUSI-**
10 **NESS CONCERNS OWNED BY VETERANS WITH**
11 **SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES IN CON-**
12 **TRACTS UNDER THE FEDERAL STRATEGIC**
13 **SOURCING INITIATIVE.**

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

1 (b) *INSUFFICIENT REPRESENTATION.*—*If the Sec-*
2 *retary determines that the representation by small business*
3 *concerns owned and controlled by veterans or small business*
4 *concerns owned and controlled by veterans with service-con-*
5 *nected disabilities within a category of the contracts award-*
6 *ed under such Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative is not*
7 *a sufficient number, the Secretary shall—*

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

12 (2) *require the Department of Veterans Affairs to*
13 *stop awarding orders under that category of the Ini-*
14 *tiative, effective on the date of such determination.*

15 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

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

22 (2) *The term “category” means—*

23 (A) *a type of supply or service for which a*
24 *suite of contracts has been established under the*
25 *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 to
4 a type of business concern, means not fewer than two
5 and enough to maximize the percentage of orders en-
6 tered into by the Secretary with such business con-
7 cerns, as determined by the Secretary.

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