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H. R. 865

To amend the Small Business Act to require training on increasing contract awards to small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LALOTA (for himself and Mr. MCGARVEY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Service-Disabled Vet-
5 eran Opportunities in Small Business Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAINING ON INCREASING CONTRACT AWARDS TO**
2 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND**
3 **CONTROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED VET-**
4 **ERANS.**

5 Section 36 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
6 657f) is amended by adding at the end the following new
7 subsection:

8 “(j) TRAINING ON INCREASING CONTRACT AWARDS
9 TO SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CON-
10 TROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, in con-
12 sultation with the head of the Office of Veterans
13 Business Development, shall provide to covered em-
14 ployees at each Federal agency that has not met the
15 goal established under section 15(g)(1)(A)(ii) train-
16 ing on how to increase the number of contracts
17 awarded to small business concerns owned and con-
18 trolled by service-disabled veterans.

19 “(2) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
21 the Administrator, in consultation with the head of
22 the Office of Veterans Business Development, shall
23 issue guidance, including best practices, on increas-
24 ing the number of contracts awarded to small busi-
25 nesses owned and controlled by service-disabled vet-

1 erans for Federal agencies to which the goal estab-
2 lished under section 15(g)(1)(A)(ii) applies.

3 “(3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this subsection, and annually
5 thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to Con-
6 gress a report, for the fiscal year covered by the re-
7 port, that includes—

8 “(A) a list of each Federal agency that
9 failed to meet the goal established under section
10 15(g)(1)(A)(ii);

11 “(B) the number of trainings provided to
12 each Federal agency described in paragraph
13 (1); and

14 “(C) an overview of the content included in
15 such training sessions.”.

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