An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1353

By: Rousselot, Perryman, Sherrer and Scott of the House

and

Simpson and Pittman of the Senate

An Act relating to state government; creating the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Act; defining terms; requiring preference for certain veterans; specifying certain conditions and goals for awarding of contracts; authorizing Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 85.44E of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Act".

B. As used in this section:

1. "Service-disabled veteran" means any individual that is disabled as certified by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs; and

2. "Service-disabled veteran business" means a business:

a. not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans, and

b. the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans.

C. In awarding contracts for the performance of any job or service, all agencies, departments, institutions and other entities of this state and of each political subdivision of this state shall give a three-point bonus preference to service-disabled veteran businesses doing business as Oklahoma firms, corporations or individuals, or which maintain Oklahoma offices or places of business.

D. In implementing the provisions of subsection C of this section, the following shall apply:

1. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall have the goal of three percent (3%) of all such contracts described in subsection C of this section to be awarded to such veterans; and

2. If an insufficient number of such veterans doing business in this state submit a bid or proposal for a contract by an agency, department, institution or other entity of the state or a political subdivision, such goal shall not be required and the provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall not apply.

E. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services may promulgate rules in order to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 20th day of April, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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