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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1790

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5 By: Representative J. Edwards

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PREFERENCE FOR SERVICE-DISABLED

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VETERANS IN THE AWARDING OF STATE *CONTRACTS*; AND FOR

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OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO AUTHORIZE A PREFERENCE FOR SERVICE-

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DISABLED VETERANS IN THE AWARDING OF

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STATE CONTRACTS.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1 is amended

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to add an additional section to read as follows:

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19-11-106. Contracting goals for service-disabled veterans.

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(a) As used in this section:

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(1) "Service-disabled veteran" means any individual who:

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(A) Is at least thirty-percent disabled as a result of

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military service and is designated as such by the United States Department of

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Veterans Affairs; and

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(B) Has been a resident of the State of Arkansas for at

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least two (2) years; and

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(2) "Business of a service-disabled veteran" means a business

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that:

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(A) Not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of which is

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owned by one (1) or more service-disabled veterans;

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(B) The management and daily business operations of which

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are controlled by one (1) or more service-disabled veterans; and



1 (C) Has been certified as a business of a service-disabled
2 veteran by the Division of Minority Business Enterprise of the Arkansas
3 Economic Development Commission under the Minority Business Economic
4 Development Act, § 15-4-301 et seq.

5 (b)(1) All state agencies shall attempt to ensure that five percent
6 (5%) of the total amount expended in state-funded and state-directed public
7 construction programs and in the purchase of goods and services for the state
8 each fiscal year is paid to businesses of service-disabled veterans.

9 (2) This subsection shall not be construed as establishing a
10 preference in contracting with businesses of service-disabled veterans.

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12 /s/J. Edwards

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