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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1790

5 By: Representative J. Edwards
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PREFERENCE FOR SERVICE-DISABLED
9 VETERANS IN THE AWARDING OF STATE *CONTRACTS*; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 *TO AUTHORIZE A PREFERENCE FOR SERVICE-*
14 *DISABLED VETERANS IN THE AWARDING OF*
15 *STATE CONTRACTS.*
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1 is amended*
22 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 *19-11-106. Contracting goals for service-disabled veterans.*

24 *(a) As used in this section:*

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

26 *(A) Is at least thirty-percent disabled as a result of*
27 *military service and is designated as such by the United States Department of*
28 *Veterans Affairs; and*

29 *(B) Has been a resident of the State of Arkansas for at*
30 *least two (2) years; and*

31 *(2) "Business of a service-disabled veteran" means a business*
32 *that:*

33 *(A) Not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of which is*
34 *owned by one (1) or more service-disabled veterans;*

35 *(B) The management and daily business operations of which*
36 *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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