

HOUSE BILL No. 2158

By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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1 AN ACT concerning state agencies; relating to contracts; creating
2 preferences to businesses owned by disabled veterans.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) In awarding any contract for the performance of any
6 job or service for which moneys appropriated are to be expended, the
7 secretary of administration, or the secretary's designee, shall give a
8 preference to disabled veteran businesses doing business as Kansas firms,
9 corporations or individuals, or which maintain Kansas offices or places of
10 business and shall have the goal of awarding at least 3% of all such
11 contracts to disabled veteran businesses.

12 (b) On or before October 1, 2014, the secretary of administration
13 shall file with the Kansas commission on veterans affairs a report of the
14 number of contracts awarded to disabled veteran businesses during the
15 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and the number of such businesses that
16 responded to solicitations of bids or proposals issued by the department of
17 administration during such fiscal year.

18 (c) As used in this section:

19 (1) "Disabled veteran" means a person who has served in the armed
20 forces of the United States and who is entitled to compensation for a
21 service-connected disability, according to the laws administered by the
22 veterans administration, or who is entitled to compensation for the loss, or
23 permanent loss of use, of one or both feet or one or both hands, or for
24 permanent visual impairment of both eyes to a prescribed degree.

25 (2) "Disabled veteran business" means a business: (i) Not less than
26 51% of which is owned by one or more disabled veterans or, in the case of
27 a publicly owned business, not less than 51% of the stock of which is
28 owned by one or more disabled veterans; and (ii) the management and
29 daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more disabled
30 veterans.

31 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
32 publication in the statute book.