## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **SENATE BILL** No. 1472 <sup>Session of</sup> 2014

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 2, 2014

## AN ACT

1 2 3 4	Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses, further providing for participation goal; and imposing duties of Bureau of Small Business Opportunities.
5	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6	hereby enacts as follows:
7	Section 1. Section 9603 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
8	Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
9	§ 9603. Participation [goal] requirement.
10	A Statewide annual [goal] <u>requirement</u> of not less than [3%]
11	5% participation by veteran-owned small businesses, including
12	service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, is established
13	for small business contracts issued under 62 Pa.C.S. (relating
14	to procurement). The participation [goal] requirement shall
15	apply to the total value of all contracts available to small
16	businesses in each fiscal year.
17	Section 2. Title 51 is amended by adding a section to read:
18	<u>§ 9604.1. Duties of Bureau of Small Business Opportunities.</u>

1	The Bureau of Small Business Opportunities shall:
2	(1) Implement and administer a Veteran-owned Small
3	Business Procurement Initiative designed to ensure that
4	Commonwealth agencies, executive agencies and purchasing
5	agencies substantially increase opportunities for veteran-
6	owned businesses and service-disabled veteran-owned
7	businesses as provided in this chapter.
8	(2) Establish a certification process for veteran-owned
9	<u>small businesses.</u>
10	(3) Establish, maintain and administer a public list of
11	veteran-owned small businesses that are certified by the
12	Department of General Services.
13	Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.