AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1041

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- 1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out all of said line
- 2 and inserting
- 3 further providing for definitions, repealing provisions
- 4 relating to definitions, further providing for exemption and
- 5 providing for veteran-owned business logotype.
- 6 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 through 17; page 2, lines 1
- 7 through 6; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
- 8 inserting
- 9 Section 1. The definition of "veteran" in section 9601 of
- 10 Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended
- 11 and the section is amended by adding definitions to read:
- 12 § 9601. Definitions.
- 13 Subject to section 9602 (relating to regulations), the
- 14 following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have
- 15 the meanings given to them in this section unless the context
- 16 clearly indicates otherwise:
- 17 "Business fee." A fee required to be paid to the
- 18 <u>Commonwealth or a political subdivision for starting or opening</u>
- 19 <u>a business within this Commonwealth. The term does not include a</u>
- 20 fee for maintaining licensure or other requirement for
- 21 continuing to operate a business.
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- "Veteran." An individual who:
- 24 <u>(1) has served in the United States Armed Forces,</u>
 25 including a reserve component or the National Guard, and who
- was discharged or released from service under conditions
- other than dishonorable[.]; or
- 28 <u>(2) is actively serving in the United States Armed</u>
- 29 <u>Forces, including a reserve component or the National Guard.</u>
- 30 "Veteran-owned business." As defined in 62 Pa.C.S. § 2201
- 31 <u>(relating to definitions).</u>
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- 33 Section 2. Sections 9610 and 9611(a), (b) and (c) of Title
- 34 51 are amended to read:
- 35 [§ 9610. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Business fee." A fee required to be paid to the 5 Commonwealth or a political subdivision for starting or opening a business within this Commonwealth. The term does not include a fee for maintaining licensure or other requirement for continuing to operate a business.

"Reservist." A member of a United States Armed Forces reserve component or National Guard.

"Reservist-owned small business." A business owned and controlled by a member of a United States Armed Forces reserve component or National Guard.]

§ 9611. Exemption.

- (a) Payment. -- A veteran-owned [or reservist-owned] small business shall be exempt from the payment of a business fee.
- (b) Proof.--A veteran [or reservist] must provide the department or licensing authority of a political subdivision with proof of the veteran's [or reservist's] status using any of the following with any business application:
 - (1) A copy of a Federal DD-214 form.
 - (2) A copy of a Federal NGB-22 form.
 - (3) A valid Federal Veterans' Administration card.
 - (4) A valid Department of Defense-issued military identification card.
- (c) Status. -- The Department of State or licensing authority of a political subdivision, in consultation with other Commonwealth agencies, may determine an applicant's status as a veteran [or reservist] in accordance with this section.

Section 3. Chapter 96 of Title 51 is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

SUBCHAPTER D

VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS LOGOTYPE

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- 9621. Veteran-owned business logotype.
- § 9621. Veteran-owned business logotype. 37
- 38 (a) Logotype for veteran-owned businesses. -- The department or its designee shall design an official Commonwealth logotype 39 to be used by veteran-owned businesses. 40
 - (b) Logotype. -- The logotype to be designed and issued shall include the Commonwealth Coat of Arms and the words

"Pennsylvania Veteran-owned Business."

- (c) Verify. -- The department, in consultation with the Department of General Services, shall use the verification process under 62 Pa.C.S. § 2202(a) (relating to woman-owned business, minority-owned business or veteran-owned business) to verify the military service status of business owners seeking a veteran-owned business logotype.
- (d) Application and issuance. -- The department shall issue a 50 <u>logotype when the veteran-owned business is included on the list</u> 51

compiled and maintained by the Department of General Services under 62 Pa.C.S. § 2202(c) for veteran-owned businesses.

- (e) Notice. -- The department shall post on the department's 4 publicly accessible Internet website a notice that the Commonwealth logotype is available to businesses provided for under this chapter and shall include the criteria necessary to receive the logotype and allow for access to the application and directions on how to submit the application.
 - (f) Authority. -- Upon application of the business, the department shall have the authority to issue, without additional verification, a logotype under this section to a business that is currently approved by the Department of General Services under 62 Pa.C.S. Ch. 22 (relating to diverse and disadvantaged businesses).
- 15 (g) Penalty. -- A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if the person fraudulently holds himself out to be a 16 17 veteran for the purpose of obtaining a logotype.
- 18 Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out "2" and inserting 19

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