

AN ACT

Amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for certification of woman-owned business, minority-owned business or veteran-owned business.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meaning given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Recognized Entity." A business formally acknowledged by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of General Services as being one or more of the following:

- A. "Minority-owned business." A for-profit business which is at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more minorities. In the case of a corporation, at least 51% of the stock must be owned by one or more minorities.
- B. "Woman-owned business." A for-profit business which is at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more women. In the case of a corporation, at least 51% of the stock must be owned by one or more women.
- C. "Veteran-owned business." A for-profit business which is at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more veterans. In the case of a corporation, at least 51% of the stock must be owned by one or more veterans.

Section 2. Title 62 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 22

RECOGNIZED ENTITY

Sec.

2201. (Reserved).

2202. Woman-owned business, minority-owned business or veteran-owned business.

§ 2201. (Reserved).

§ 2202. Woman-owned business, minority-owned business or veteran-owned business.

The Department shall establish a process by which women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses and veteran-owned businesses in this Commonwealth shall be a recognized entity by the Commonwealth as a woman-owned business, minority-owned business and/or veteran-owned business. The Department shall accept approval of recognized entities by a third party organization, including, but not limited to the:

1. National Minority Supplier Development Council
2. Unified Certification Program
3. United States Small Business Administration 8(a) Program
4. Vets First Verification Program
5. Woman's Business Enterprise National Council

A recognized entity shall, from time to time when requested by such entity, be given notice of their recognized status by the department. The department may promulgate regulations regarding this section, if necessary.

The department shall compile, maintain and make available source lists of minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned businesses for the purpose of encouraging procurement from minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned businesses.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.