

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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SENATOR REGAN, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 20, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses,
3 providing for miscellaneous provisions; imposing a penalty;
4 and making an editorial change.

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

7 Section 1. Chapter 96 heading of Title 51 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

CHAPTER 96

[VETERAN-OWNED SMALL] SERVICEMEMBER-OWNED BUSINESSES

11 Section 2. Chapter 96 of Title 51 is amended by adding a
12 subchapter to read:

SUBCHAPTER D

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

15 Sec.

16 9621. Veteran, reservist or National Guard-owned business

17 logotype.

1 § 9621. Veteran, reservist or National Guard-owned business
2 logotype.

3 (a) Logotype.--The department, in consultation with the <--
4 Office of Administration, shall design an official Commonwealth
5 logotype to be used by veteran, reservist or National Guard-
6 owned businesses, which shall include the Commonwealth Coat of
7 Arms and the words "Pennsylvania veteran-owned business,"
8 "Pennsylvania reservist-owned business" or "Pennsylvania
9 National Guard-owned business."

10 (b) Application.--The department shall develop a form upon
11 which eligible businesses may apply for the issuance and use of
12 a logotype under this section.

13 (c) Eligibility.--The following apply:

14 (1) Businesses that are currently verified by the
15 Department of General Services under 62 Pa.C.S. Ch. 22
16 (relating to diverse and disadvantaged businesses) shall be
17 approved and issued a logotype under this section without
18 additional verification.

19 (2) The department shall verify the military service
20 status of business owners seeking status as a veteran-owned
21 business, reservist-owned business or National Guard-owned
22 business. The department may work with other State agencies
23 to process verification.

24 (d) Notice.--The department shall post on the department's
25 publicly accessible Internet website a notice that:

26 (1) Logotypes under this section are available to
27 eligible businesses.

28 (2) Includes the criteria necessary to receive the
29 logotypes and allows for access to the applications and
30 directions on how to submit the applications.

1 (e) Issuance.--The department shall issue a logotype to
2 applicants deemed eligible under subsection (c).

3 (f) Administration.--The department may:

4 (1) Establish a nominal fee to cover the cost of
5 verification.

6 (2) Utilize money from the Veterans' Trust Fund to
7 establish the logotypes and a system for verification.

8 (g) Penalty.--An individual commits a misdemeanor of the
9 third degree if the individual fraudulently holds the individual
10 out to be a veteran, reservist or National Guard member for the
11 purpose of obtaining a logotype under this subchapter.

12 (H) DEPOSIT OF FEES.--NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF <--
13 LAW, THE FULL AMOUNT OF EACH FINE COLLECTED FOR A VIOLATION OF
14 SUBSECTION (G) SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.