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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 8, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in diverse and disadvantaged businesses, further
3 providing for definitions, for woman-owned business,
4 minority-owned business or veteran-owned business and
5 providing for HUB zone business procurement.

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

8 Section 1. The definition of "diverse and disadvantaged
9 businesses" in section 2201 of Title 62 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
11 adding definitions to read:

12 § 2201. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "Diverse and disadvantaged businesses." A woman-owned
17 business, a minority-owned business [or], a veteran-owned
18 business or a HUB zone business.

19 "HUB zone." A historically under-utilized business zone.

1 "HUB zone business." A for-profit business located in a HUB
2 zone of this Commonwealth that satisfies the qualification
3 criteria specified at 13 CFR Pt. 126, Subpt. B (relating to
4 requirements to be a certified HUBZone small business concern).

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6 Section 2. Section 2202 heading and (c) of Title 62 are
7 amended to read:

8 § 2202. [Woman-owned business, minority-owned business or
9 veteran-owned business] Diverse and disadvantaged
10 businesses.

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12 (c) Lists.--The department shall compile, maintain and make
13 available source lists of businesses verified by the department
14 as a diverse or disadvantaged business for the purpose of
15 encouraging procurement from those businesses and for the
16 purpose of complying with section 2203 (relating to HUB zone
17 business procurement).

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19 Section 3. Title 62 is amended by adding a section to read:

20 § 2203. HUB zone business procurement.

21 Within six months of the effective date of this section, each
22 Commonwealth agency shall ensure that at least 40% of the dollar
23 amount of all contracts entered into by the Commonwealth agency
24 are awarded to HUB zone businesses.

25 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.