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H. R. 2781

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certify the sufficient participation of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and small business concerns owned by veterans with service-connected disabilities in contracts under the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2017

Mr. DUNN (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Veteran En-
5 terprise Participation in Strategic Sourcing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CERTIFI-**
2 **CATION OF SUFFICIENT PARTICIPATION OF**
3 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND**
4 **CONTROLLED BY VETERANS AND SMALL**
5 **BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED BY VETERANS**
6 **WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES IN**
7 **CONTRACTS UNDER THE FEDERAL STRA-**
8 **TEGIC SOURCING INITIATIVE.**

9 (a) **CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180
10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress certifi-
12 cation in writing that with respect to each contract award-
13 ed under the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative (man-
14 aged by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy) a suffi-
15 cient number of small business concerns owned and con-
16 trolled by veterans and a sufficient number of small busi-
17 ness concerns owned by veterans with service-connected
18 disabilities are represented within each category.

19 (b) **INSUFFICIENT REPRESENTATION.**—If the Sec-
20 retary determines that the representation by small busi-
21 ness concerns owned and controlled by veterans or small
22 business concerns owned by veterans with service-con-
23 nected disabilities within a category of the contracts
24 awarded under such Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative
25 is not a sufficient number, the Secretary shall—

1 (1) consult with the Administrator of the Gen-
2 eral Services Administration to increase the number
3 of such concerns awarded contracts under such cat-
4 egory; or

5 (2) require the Department of Veterans Affairs
6 to stop awarding orders under that category of the
7 Initiative, effective on the date of such determina-
8 tion.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The terms “small business concern owned
11 and controlled by veterans” and “small business
12 concern owned and controlled by veterans with serv-
13 ice-connected disabilities” have the meaning given
14 such terms in section 8127(k) of title 38, United
15 States Code.

16 (2) The term “category” means—

17 (A) a type of supply or service for which
18 a suite of contracts has been established under
19 the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative; or

20 (B) any further subdivision or grouping
21 within such a suite of contracts.

22 (3) The term “sufficient number”, with respect
23 to a type of business concern, means not fewer than
24 two and enough to maximize the percentage of or-

1 ders entered into by the Secretary with such busi-
2 ness concerns, as determined by the Secretary.

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