SB1084/646985/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1084

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 4 and 5 and substitute:

"State Finance and Procurement – Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises – Definitions and Penalties";

strike beginning with "<u>establishing</u>" in line 9 down through "<u>Procurement</u>" in line 17 and substitute "<u>defining</u> "veteran" and altering the definition of "veteran-owned small business enterprise" for the purposes of certain provisions of law relating to the structure of a unit's procurement procedures; authorizing certain penalties to be applied to a person that willfully misrepresents a business as a veteran-owned small business enterprise; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to veteran-owned small business enterprises"; and after line 22, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 14-601

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 14-606

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 15 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

<u>Article – State Finance and Procurement</u>

14-601.

- (A) In this subtitle [, "veteran—owned] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (B) "VETERAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OTHER THAN FOR TRAINING, AND WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE.
 - (C) "VETERAN-OWNED small business enterprise" means a business that:
- (1) MEETS THE SIZE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN 13 C.F.R. 121.201 AND ANY SUBSEQUENT REVISION OF THAT REGULATION; AND
- (2) is [verified by the Center for Veterans Enterprise of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a veteran—owned small business] AT LEAST 51% OWNED BY ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO:

(I) ARE VETERANS; AND

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(II) CONTROL THE MANAGEMENT AND DAILY OPERATIONS
OF THE BUSINESS.

14-606.

IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES UNDER § 14-605(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A
PERSON THAT WILLFULLY MISREPRESENTS A BUSINESS AS A VETERAN-OWNED
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING OR RETAINING A
CONTRACT OR SUBCONTRACT MAY BE SUBJECT TO:

- (1) SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT UNDER TITLE 16 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR
- (2) <u>CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THE MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT</u> UNDER TITLE 8 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.".