

HOUSE BILL 587

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Finance and Procurement – Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises –**
3 **Definitions**

4 FOR the purpose of defining “small business” and “veteran” for the purposes of certain
5 provisions of law relating to procurement from veteran-owned small business
6 enterprises; altering the definition of “veteran-owned small business enterprise”;
7 and generally relating to veteran-owned small business enterprises.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 14–601
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

16 14–601.

17 (A) In this subtitle[, “veteran-owned”] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
18 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

19 (B) **“SMALL BUSINESS” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–501 OF THIS**
20 **TITLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) “VETERAN” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN**
2 **THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OTHER THAN FOR TRAINING, AND WAS**
3 **DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE.**

4 **(D) “VETERAN-OWNED small business enterprise” means a SMALL business**
5 **that is [verified by the Center for Veterans Enterprise of the United States Department of**
6 **Veterans Affairs as a veteran-owned small business] AT LEAST 51% OWNED BY ONE OR**
7 **MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE VETERANS.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2017.