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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1084  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “Task Force on Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation in Procurement”; strike beginning with “defining” in line 4 down through “enterprises” in line 7 and substitute “establishing the Task Force on Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation in Procurement; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation in Procurement”; strike lines 8 through 12, inclusive; and in line 14, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2 and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force on Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation in Procurement.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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- (3) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;
- (5) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6) the Secretary of Information Technology, or the Secretary's designee;
- (7) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;
- (8) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
- (9) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the Chancellor's designee;
- (10) the Special Secretary of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, or the Special Secretary's designee;
- (11) the Procurement Advisor to the Board of Public Works;
- (12) one Maryland resident veteran owner of a veteran-owned small business enterprise, as defined in § 14-601 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, appointed by the Governor; and
- (13) one Maryland resident veteran owner of a small business, as defined in § 14-501 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, that is not a veteran-owned small business enterprise, as defined in § 14-601 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, appointed by the Governor.

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(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The State agencies represented on the Task Force shall provide staff for the Task Force, as directed by the chair of the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study methods to increase veteran-owned small business enterprise participation in State procurement and ensure compliance with the State's 1% purchasing goal;

(2) investigate and analyze barriers to veteran-owned small business enterprise participation that hinder compliance with the State's 1% purchasing goal, including the requirement in § 14-601 of the State Finance and Procurement Article for verification by the Center for Veterans Enterprise of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

(3) compare and contrast the current Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation Program to similar programs in the federal government and other state governments, focusing on ease of access by interested firms, and methods of verification, certification, and fraud protection;

(4) compare and contrast the current Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation Program to similar programs in Maryland, such as the Small Business Reserve Program and the Minority Business Enterprise Participation

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Program, focusing on ease of access by interested firms, and methods of verification, certification, and fraud prevention; and

(5) make specific recommendations for legislative and regulatory changes to increase compliance with the State's 1% purchasing goal for veteran-owned small business enterprise participation in State procurement.

(g) On or before December 31, 2017, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations, including specific proposals for legislation or regulation, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 6, strike "October 1, 2017." and substitute "June 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect."