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Introduced

House Bill 3054

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to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland

Security then Finance.]



INTRODUCED H.B.

- 1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
- 2 designated §5A-3-37a, relating to a five percent bid preference on certain state contracts
- 3 for businesses owned fifty-one percent by honorably discharged resident veterans.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
section, designated §5A-3-37a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. PURCHASING DIVISION.

§5A-3-37a. Preference for business owned fifty-one percent by honorably discharged resident veteran.

- 1 Notwithstanding provisions in section thirty-six of this article, effective July 1, 2017, in any
- 2 instance that a purchase of commodities or printing by the director or by a state department is
- 3 required under the provisions of this article to be made upon competitive bids, if the bid of a vendor
- 4 which is owned at least fifty-one percent by a resident, honorably discharged veteran of the United
- 5 States Armed Forces, the Reserves or the National Guard, and that vendor's bid does not exceed
- 6 the lowest qualified bid from a business not owned at least fifty-one percent by a resident,
- 7 <u>honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves or the National</u>
- 8 Guard, by more than five percent of the latter bid, and if the veteran-owned vendor has made
- 9 written claim for the preference at the time the bid was submitted, the veteran vendor shall be the
- 10 <u>successful bid.</u>

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to give a five percent bid preference on certain state contracts to businesses owned at least 51% by honorably discharged resident veterans.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.