HOUSE BILL No. 2211

By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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AN ACT concerning state agencies; relating to purchases; giving preference to disabled veteran businesses.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) As used in this act:

- (1) "Disabled veteran" means a person who has served in the armed forces of the United States and who is entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability of at least 50% according to the laws administered by the veterans administration or who is entitled to compensation for the loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both feet or one or both hands, or for permanent visual impairment of both eyes to a prescribed degree; and
 - (2) "disabled veteran business" means a business:
- (A) Not less than 51% of which is owned by one or more disabled veterans or, in the case of a publicly owned business, not less than 51% of the stock of which is owned by one or more disabled veterans; and
- (B) the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more disabled veterans.
- (b) In awarding contracts for the performance of any job or service, all agencies, departments, institutions and other entities of this state and of each political subdivision of this state shall give a preference to disabled veteran businesses doing business as Kansas firms, corporations or individuals, or which maintain Kansas offices or places of business.
- (c) The secretary of administration shall have the goal of awarding at least 3% of all contracts described in subsection (b) to disabled veteran businesses.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.