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H.B. No. 257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of economically disadvantaged person for the purposes of determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2161.001(3), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Economically disadvantaged person" means a person who:

(A) is economically disadvantaged because of the person's identification as a member of a certain group, including:

(i) Black Americans;

(ii) Hispanic Americans;

(iii) women;

(iv) Asian Pacific Americans;

(v) Subcontinent Asian Americans;

(vi) Native Americans; and

(vii) [~~(vi)~~] veterans as defined by 38 U.S.C. Section 101(2) who have suffered at least a 20 percent service-connected disability as defined by 38 U.S.C. Section 101(16); and

(B) has suffered the effects of discriminatory practices or other similar insidious circumstances over which the person has no control.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.