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S.B. No. 381

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to considering ownership interests of disabled veterans and recipients of the Purple Heart in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

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 is economically disadvantaged because of the person's identification as a member of a certain group, including Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, women, Asian Pacific Americans, ~~and~~ Native Americans, and veterans as defined by 38 U.S.C. Section 101(2) who either have a service-connected disability as defined by 38 U.S.C. Section 101(16) or have received the Purple Heart, and who has suffered the effects of discriminatory practices or other similar insidious circumstances over which the person has no control.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.