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S.B. No. 831

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to considering ownership interests of certain disabled
3 veterans in determining whether a business is a historically
4 underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2161.001, Government Code, is amended by
7 amending Subdivision (3) and adding Subdivision (5) to read as
8 follows:

9 (3) "Economically disadvantaged person" means a
10 person who is economically disadvantaged because of the person's
11 identification as a member of a certain group, including Black
12 Americans, Hispanic Americans, women, Asian Pacific Americans,
13 [~~and~~] Native Americans, and disabled veterans, and who has suffered
14 the effects of discriminatory practices or other similar insidious
15 circumstances over which the person has no control.

16 (5) "Disabled veteran" means a veteran of the armed
17 services of the United States who is classified as disabled by the
18 Veterans Administration or its successor or the branch of the armed
19 services in which the veteran served and whose disability is
20 service-connected. The term does not include a person having a less
21 than honorable discharge from military service.

22 SECTION 2. Section 2161.125, Government Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Sec. 2161.125. CATEGORIZATION OF HISTORICALLY

1 UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES [~~BY SEX, RACE, AND ETHNICITY~~]. The
2 comptroller, in cooperation with each state agency reporting under
3 this subchapter, shall categorize each historically underutilized
4 business included in a report under this subchapter by sex, race,
5 and ethnicity and by whether the historically underutilized
6 business derives its status as a historically underutilized
7 business because it is owned or owned, operated, and controlled, as
8 applicable, wholly or partly by one or more disabled veterans.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.