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H.B. No. 194

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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(3), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (3) "Economically disadvantaged person" means a  
9 person who is economically disadvantaged because of the person's  
10 identification as a member of a certain group, including Black  
11 Americans, Hispanic Americans, women, Asian Pacific Americans,  
12 ~~[and]~~ Native Americans, and veterans as defined by 38 U.S.C.  
13 Section 101(2) who have a service-connected disability as defined  
14 by 38 U.S.C. Section 101(16), and who has suffered the effects of  
15 discriminatory practices or other similar insidious circumstances  
16 over which the person has no control.

17 SECTION 2. Section 2161.125, Government Code, is amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 2161.125. CATEGORIZATION OF HISTORICALLY  
20 UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES [~~BY SEX, RACE, AND ETHNICITY~~]. The  
21 comptroller, in cooperation with each state agency reporting under  
22 this subchapter, shall categorize each historically underutilized  
23 business included in a report under this subchapter by sex, race,  
24 and ethnicity and by whether the business qualifies as a

1 historically underutilized business because it is owned or owned,  
2 operated, and controlled, as applicable, wholly or partly by one or  
3 more veterans as defined by 38 U.S.C. Section 101(2) who have a  
4 service-connected disability as defined by 38 U.S.C. Section  
5 101(16).

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.