

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the consideration of ownership interests of 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. Subdivision (3), Section 2161.001, Government
7 Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

12 (i) Black Americans;

13 (ii) ~~Hispanic Americans;~~

14 (iii) ~~women;~~

15 (iv) ~~Asian Pacific Americans;~~

16 (v) ~~Native Americans;~~ and

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

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

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.