

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4   HOUSE BILL 1353

                                  By: Rousselot

7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   An Act relating to state government; creating the  
9                   Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Act; defining  
10                  terms; requiring preference for certain veterans;  
11                  specifying certain conditions and goals for awarding  
12                  of contracts; authorizing Director of the Office of  
13                  Management and Enterprise Services to promulgate  
14                  rules; providing for codification; and providing an  
15                  effective date.

14   BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15           SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
16           in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 85.44E of Title 74, unless there  
17           is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18           A.   This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Disabled  
19           Veteran Business Enterprise Act".

20           B.   As used in this section:

21           1.   "Service-disabled veteran" means any individual that is  
22           disabled as certified by the appropriate federal agency responsible  
23           for the administration of veterans' affairs.

24           2.   "Service-disabled veteran business" means a business:

- 1 a. not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of which is  
2 owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in  
3 the case of any publicly owned business, not less than  
4 fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock of which is owned  
5 by one or more service-disabled veterans, and  
6 b. the management and daily business operations of which  
7 are controlled by one or more service-disabled  
8 veterans;

9 C. In awarding contracts for the performance of any job or  
10 service, all agencies, departments, institutions and other entities  
11 of this state and of each political subdivision of this state shall  
12 give a three-point bonus preference to service-disabled veteran  
13 businesses doing business as Oklahoma firms, corporations or  
14 individuals, or which maintain Oklahoma offices or places of  
15 business.

16 D. In implementing the provisions of subsection C of this  
17 section, the following shall apply:

18 1. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
19 Services shall have the goal of three percent (3%) of all such  
20 contracts described in subsection C of this section to be awarded to  
21 such veterans;

22 2. If an insufficient number of such veterans doing business in  
23 this state submit a bid or proposal for a contract by an agency,  
24 department, institution or other entity of the state or a political

1 subdivision, such goal shall not be required and the provisions of  
2 paragraph 1 of this subsection shall not apply;

3 E. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
4 Services may promulgate rules in order to implement the provisions  
5 of this section.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,  
9 dated 02/11/2015 - DO PASS.

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