

SENATE BILL 1191

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 12; Title 54 and Title 67, relative to contract  
preferences for veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 8, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

**12-4-803.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the chief procurement officer shall promulgate rules authorizing an allowance for Tennessee service-disabled veteran owned businesses, as defined in § 12-3-802(8), in the evaluation of bids and proposals for contracts.

(b) The allowance to be given to a Tennessee service-disabled veteran owned business shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications and shall be applied on a sliding scale in the following manner:

(1) Five percent (5%) shall be allowed for contracts up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000);

(2) Four percent (4%) shall be allowed for contracts up to twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000);

(3) Three percent (3%) shall be allowed for contracts up to fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000); and

(4) Two percent (2%) shall be allowed for contracts that exceed fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000).

(c) This section shall apply only to department of transportation contracts or any state or local agency contracts funded in whole or in part with state or federal highway funds unless expressly prohibited by federal law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after such date.