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1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5147

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 2023

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. HUNT, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Ms. PETERSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Investing in Veteran  
5 Entrepreneurial Talents Act” or the “Investing in VETS  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN GOVERNMENTWIDE GOAL FOR PAR-**  
2 **TICIPATION IN FEDERAL CONTRACTS BY**  
3 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND**  
4 **CONTROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED VET-**  
5 **ERANS.**

6 Section 15(g)(1)(A)(ii) of the Small Business Act (15  
7 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “3 per-  
8 cent” and inserting “5 percent”.

9 **SEC. 3. EXCLUSION OF SELF-CERTIFIED SDVOSBS FROM**  
10 **GOVERNMENTWIDE AND AGENCY GOALS.**

11 Section 15(g) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)) is  
12 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
13 graph:

14 “(4) EXCLUSION OF SELF-CERTIFIED SDVOSBS  
15 FROM GOALS.—Only small business concerns owned and  
16 controlled by service-disabled veterans that have been cer-  
17 tified under section 36 shall be included in calculating the  
18 goals established—

19 “(A) under this paragraph (1)(A)(ii); and

20 “(B) by the head of a Federal agency for small  
21 business concerns owned and controlled by service-  
22 disabled veterans under paragraph (2).”.

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