

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3210

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2012

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans’ Small Busi-
5 ness Opportunity Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF TREATMENT UNDER CON-**
2 **TRACTING GOALS AND PREFERENCES OF DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR**
4 **SMALL BUSINESSES OWNED BY VETERANS OF**
5 **SMALL BUSINESSES AFTER DEATH OF DIS-**
6 **ABLED VETERAN OWNERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8127(h) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “rated as”
10 and all that follows through “disability.” and insert-
11 ing a period; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2), by amending subpara-
13 graph (C) to read as follows:

14 “(C) The date that—

15 “(i) in the case of a surviving spouse of a
16 veteran with a service-connected disability rated
17 as 100 percent disabling or who dies as a result
18 of a service-connected disability, is 10 years
19 after the date of the veteran’s death; or

20 “(ii) in the case of a surviving spouse of a
21 veteran with a service-connected disability rated
22 as less than 100 percent disabling who does not
23 die as a result of a service-connected disability,
24 is three years after the date of the veteran’s
25 death.”.

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 180
3 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall
4 apply with respect to contracts awarded on or after such
5 date.

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