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H. R. 3223

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2009

Mr. BUYER (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill;
which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. IMPROVEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS CONTRACTING GOALS AND**
3 **PREFERENCES FOR SMALL BUSINESS CON-**
4 **CERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY VET-**
5 **ERANS.**

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

8 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “may” and in-
9 serting “shall”;

10 (2) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
11 following new paragraph:

12 “(7) Ownership and control by a veteran or veterans
13 of more than one small business concern shall not be
14 grounds for disqualification of any of such concerns from
15 inclusion in the database under this subsection.”; and

16 (3) in subsection (l), by adding at the end the
17 following new paragraph:

18 “(3) The term ‘control of management and
19 daily business operations’ with respect to a business
20 concern means the authority to make final decisions
21 affecting financial, operational, management policy,
22 and employment issues, irrespective of the number
23 of hours worked by the individual with such author-
24 ity or the location of such individual with respect to
25 the business concern.”.

1 (b) DEADLINE FOR INTERIM POLICY GUIDANCE.—
2 By not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall issue
4 interim policy guidance to carry out the amendments
5 made by this Act.

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