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H. R. 4920

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 17, 2019

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an exception to certain small business contracting requirements applicable to the Department of Veterans Affairs procurement of certain goods and services covered under the Ability One program, and for other purposes.

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 “Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs Contracting Preference Consistency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
7 **FAIRS SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTING RE-**
8 **QUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN GOODS AND SERV-**
9 **ICES COVERED UNDER ABILITY ONE PRO-**
10 **GRAM.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 8127 of
12 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) by striking “Except” and inserting “(1) Ex-
14 cept”;

15 (2) by inserting “in paragraph (2) and” before
16 “in subsections (b) and (c)”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

19 “(2)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), with respect
20 to the procurement of a covered product or service, a con-
21 tracting officer of the Department shall procure such
22 product or service from a source designated under chapter
23 85 of title 41, and in accordance with the regulations pre-
24 scribed under such chapter.

1 “(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘covered product or
2 service’ means—

3 “(i) a product or service that—

4 “(I) is included on the procurement list
5 under section 8503(a) of title 41; and

6 “(II) was included on such procurement
7 list on or before December 22, 2006; or

8 “(ii) a product or service that—

9 “(I) is a replacement for a product or serv-
10 ice described under clause (i);

11 “(II) is essentially the same and meeting
12 the same requirement as the product or service
13 being replaced; and

14 “(III) a contracting officer determines
15 meets the quality standards and delivery sched-
16 ule of the Department.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is
18 further amended in each of subsections (b) and (c), by
19 striking “For” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-
20 section (d)(2), for”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to a contract entered
3 into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives December 16,
2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.