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HOUSE BILL NO. 2344

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT (Sponsor), TODD, KRAUS, FISHER (125), STREAM, DAY, NIEVES, CUNNINGHAM, WILSON (119) AND BRUNS (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 34.074, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a preference for disabled veteran businesses in the letting of certain contracts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 34.074, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 34.074, to read as follows:

34.074. 1. As used in this section, the term "service-disabled veteran" means any individual who is disabled as certified by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs.

2. As used in this section, the term "service-disabled veteran business" means a business concern:

(1) Not less than fifty-one percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than fifty-one percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans.

3. In letting contracts for the performance of any job or service, all agencies, departments, institutions, and other entities of this state and of each political subdivision of this state shall give **a three-point bonus** preference to **service-disabled** veteran businesses doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals, or which maintain Missouri offices or places of business[, when the quality of performance promised is equal or better and the price

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 quoted is the same or less. The commissioner of administration may also give such preference
17 whenever competing bids, in their entirety, are comparable].

18 4. In implementing the provisions of subsection 3 of this section, the following shall
19 apply:

20 (1) The commissioner of administration shall have the goal of three percent of all such
21 contracts described in subsection 3 of this section to be let to such veterans;

22 (2) If no **or an insufficient number of** such veterans doing business in this state [meet
23 the quality of performance and price standards required in subsection 3 of this section] **submit**
24 **a bid or proposal for a contract let by an agency, department, institution, or other entity**
25 **of the state or a political subdivision**, such [preference] goal shall not be required **and the**
26 **provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply.**

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