

HR 2749

Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jul 25, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]

Party: Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		May 26, 2017
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jun 28, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 12, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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(Sec. 2) This bill applies certain small business subcontracting limitations to a small business concern owned and controlled by a veteran or a veteran with a service-connected disability.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may award a contract only after obtaining a certification from the offeror that it will comply with such subcontracting limitations if awarded the contract. Such certification shall: (1) specify the applicable performance requirements, and (2) explicitly acknowledge that the certification is subject to criminal penalties for making false statements in any matter within the jurisdiction of the U.S. government.

The VA Director of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization and the VA Chief Acquisition Officer shall jointly refer any violation or suspected violation to the VA Inspector General.

If the VA determines that a contract recipient did not act in good faith, such recipient shall be subject to any or all of the following: (1) referral to the VA Debarment and Suspension Committee, (2) a criminal fine, and (3) criminal prosecution.

The Inspector General shall submit an annual report to Congress for each of 2018-2022 that includes: (1) the number of referred and suspected violations; and (2) the disposition of such violations, including the number of small business concerns suspended or debarred from federal contracting or referred for Department of Justice prosecution.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 25, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-243.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 175.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6175-6176)
- **Jul 24, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2749.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Walz objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6199)
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6175)
- **Jul 24, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6175)
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **May 26, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 26, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 26, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.