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Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2020

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 12, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 561	Related bill	Oct 30, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-183.

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This bill applies certain small business subcontracting limitations to contracts that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) awards to a small business concern owned and controlled by a veteran or a veteran with a service-connected disability.

The VA may award such 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 specify the applicable performance requirements and 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 monitor compliance and 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 report on (1) the number of referred violations 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

- **Sep 15, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Moran without amendment. Without written report.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 544.
- **Aug 5, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.