

HR 800

Preference for Local Veteran Contractors Act

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Committee Activity

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Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 4, 2021)

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to give preference to local contractors for purposes of awarding contracts for the construction or maintenance of a VA facility or for services provided to a particular VA facility or campus. Local contractors are those who submit a bid or proposal and have principal offices or locations within a 60-mile radius of the VA facility covered by the contract. Per the bill, the VA must publish a public notice explaining why a local contractor was not awarded a contract if another contractor is selected.

The bill also updates the order of priority for awarding contracts to small business concerns to include priority for local contractors.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.