

LEGISLATIVE BILL 224

Approved by the Governor June 5, 2013

Introduced by Janssen, 15; Mello, 5; Price, 3.

FOR AN ACT relating to state contracts; to require a preference for awarding state contracts to resident disabled veterans and certain businesses as prescribed.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) When a state contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, a resident disabled veteran or a business located in a designated enterprise zone under the Enterprise Zone Act shall be allowed a preference over any other resident or nonresident bidder if all other factors are equal.

(2) For purposes of this section, resident disabled veteran means any person (a) who resides in the State of Nebraska, who served in the United States Armed Forces, including any reserve component or the National Guard, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), and who possesses a disability rating letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service-connected disability or a disability determination from the United States Department of Defense and (b)(i) who owns and controls a business or, in the case of a publicly owned business, more than fifty percent of the stock is owned by one or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection and (ii) the management and daily business operations of the business are controlled by one or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection.

(3) Any contract entered into without compliance with this section shall be null and void.