# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

#### **2019 REGULAR SESSION**

### Introduced

# House Bill 2064

FISCAL NOTE

By Delegate Sponaugle

[ Introduced January 9, 2019; Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security then Government Organization.]

Intr H.B. 2019R1734

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,

designated §5A-3-37a, relating to a five percent bid preference on certain state contracts

3 for businesses owned 51 percent by honorably discharged resident veterans.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

#### ARTICLE 3. PURCHASING DIVISION.

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# §5A-3-37a. Preference for business owned 51 percent by honorably discharged resident veteran.

Notwithstanding provisions in §5A-3-37 of this code, effective July 1, 2019, in any instance that a purchase of commodities or printing by the director or by a state department is required under the provisions of this article to be made upon competitive bids, if the bid of a vendor which is owned at least 51 percent by a resident, honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves or the National Guard, and that vendor's bid does not exceed the lowest qualified bid from a business not owned at least 51 percent by a resident, honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves or the National Guard, by more than five percent of the latter bid, and if the veteran-owned vendor has made written claim for the preference at the time the bid was submitted, the veteran vendor shall be the successful bid.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to give a five percent bid preference on certain state contracts to businesses owned at least 51 percent by honorably discharged resident veterans.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.