

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 9003

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2024

Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER (for herself, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. COSTA, and Ms. ROSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Affairs Op-  
5 portunity for Women-Owned Small Businesses Act of  
6 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION OF WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS**  
2 **PROGRAM IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
3 **AFFAIRS PROCUREMENT HIERARCHY OF**  
4 **SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCES.**

5 Section 8127(h) of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;  
9 or” and inserting a semicolon;

10 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
11 period at the end and inserting “; or”;

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
13 subparagraph:

14 “(C) section 8(m) of the Small Business Act  
15 (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).”; and

16 (D) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)  
17 through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respec-  
18 tively;

19 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
20 (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D), respectively;

21 (3) in the matter before subparagraph (A), as  
22 redesignated by paragraph (2), by inserting “(1)”  
23 before “Preferences for”; and

24 (4) by adding at the end the following new  
25 paragraph (2):

1       “(2) All preferences described in subparagraph (C)  
2 of paragraph (1) shall be afforded the same degree of pri-  
3 ority under such paragraph.”.

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