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H. R. 1392

To provide assistance to veterans and veteran-owned businesses with respect to contract opportunities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Fairness to Veterans
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS AND VETERAN-OWNED**
7 **BUSINESSES.**

8 (a) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT OPPORTUNI-
9 TIES.—In evaluating any bid or proposal received in re-
10 sponse to a solicitation relating to a Federal contract, the

1 head of a Federal department or agency shall provide to
2 a veteran or veteran-owned business any preference that
3 any individual or business is eligible to receive with respect
4 to that contract, if that preference takes into consideration
5 race or gender, without regard to whether the veteran or
6 veteran-owned business would otherwise qualify for that
7 preference.

8 (b) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT OP-
9 PORTUNITIES.—As a condition of receiving Federal fund-
10 ing, in evaluating any bid or proposal received in response
11 to a solicitation relating to a State or local contract that
12 involves the use of Federal funding, the head of a State
13 or local government shall provide to a veteran or veteran-
14 owned business any preference that any individual or busi-
15 ness is eligible to receive with respect to that contract,
16 if that preference takes into consideration race or gender,
17 without regard to whether the veteran or veteran-owned
18 business would otherwise qualify for that preference.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act, the following defini-
20 tions apply:

21 (1) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the
22 meaning given that term in section 101(2) of title
23 38, United States Code.

24 (2) VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS.—The term
25 “veteran-owned business” means a business—

1 (A) not less than 51 percent of which is
2 owned by one or more veterans or, in the case
3 of any publicly owned business, not less than 51
4 percent of the stock of which is owned by one
5 or more veterans; and

6 (B) the management and daily business
7 operations of which are controlled by one or
8 more veterans.

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