

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2873

To amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the Women-Owned Small Business program in the Department of Veterans Affairs procurement hierarchy of small business preferences, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 2023”.

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; and

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.”.

