

SENATE BILL No. 732

September 6, 2007, Introduced by Senators RICHARDVILLE, ALLEN, GARCIA, BIRKHOLZ, HARDIMAN, KAHN, JELINEK, VAN WOERKOM, PATTERSON, CROUSEY, GILBERT, CASSIS, McMANUS, OLSHOVE, KUIPERS, JANSEN, SWITALSKI, STAMAS, BROWN, JACOBS, CHERRY, BARCIA, GLEASON, SANBORN, CLARKE, BASHAM, WHITMER, BISHOP, ANDERSON, SCHAUER, HUNTER, SCOTT, CLARK-COLEMAN and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to designate enterprises owned or controlled by qualified veterans as Michigan patriot businesses; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan patriot business act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Board" means the board of directors of the Michigan
5 strategic fund created in section 5 of the Michigan strategic fund
6 act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2005.

7 (b) "Qualified business enterprise" means a business
8 enterprise that is more than 50% owned by 1 or more qualified

1 veterans.

2 (c) "Qualified veteran" means an individual who meets all of
3 the following:

4 (i) His or her legal residence before, during, and after
5 military service is in this state.

6 (ii) He or she served as a member of any branch of the armed
7 forces of the United States and received an honorable discharge or
8 a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record.

9 (iii) His or her military service included service in the
10 Persian Gulf combat zone as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom or in
11 southern or central Asia as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

12 Sec. 5. The board shall:

13 (a) Designate qualified business enterprises as Michigan
14 patriot businesses.

15 (b) Maintain a current list of Michigan patriot businesses and
16 make that list available to the public on the board's internet
17 website, and available to the department of management and budget
18 for purposes of section 141(f) of the management and budget act,
19 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1141.

20 (c) Provide technical, managerial, and counseling services and
21 assistance to qualified business enterprises.

22 (d) With the participation of other state departments and
23 agencies as appropriate, develop comprehensive plans and specific
24 program goals for a qualified business enterprise program;
25 establish regular performance monitoring and reporting systems to
26 assure that the goals are being achieved; and evaluate the impact
27 of federal and state support in achieving the objectives

1 established by the board.

2 (e) Implement state policy in support of qualified business
3 enterprise development and coordinate the plans, programs, and
4 operations of state government that affect or may contribute to the
5 establishment, preservation, and strengthening of qualified
6 business enterprises.

7 (f) Coordinate, make application for, and administer federal
8 funding grants from federal agencies where applicable.

9 (g) Promote the mobilization of activities and resources of
10 state agencies and local governments, business and trade
11 associations, universities, foundations, professional
12 organizations, and volunteer and other groups toward the growth of
13 qualified business enterprises, and facilitate the coordination of
14 the efforts of these groups with those of other state departments
15 and agencies.

16 (h) Establish a center for the development, collection, and
17 dissemination of information that will be helpful to persons and
18 organizations throughout the state in undertaking or promoting the
19 establishment and successful operation of qualified business
20 enterprises.

21 (i) Assist in experimental and demonstration projects, and
22 defray all or part of the cost of such projects, designed to
23 overcome the special problems of qualified business enterprises.

24 (j) Conduct coordinated reviews of all proposed state training
25 and technical assistance activities in direct support of the
26 qualified business enterprises program to ensure consistency with
27 program goals and to preclude duplication of effort of other state

1 agencies with overlapping jurisdictions.

2 (k) Recommend appropriate legislative or executive actions to
3 enhance the opportunities of qualified business enterprises in this
4 state.

5 (l) Assist qualified business enterprises in obtaining
6 governmental or commercial financing for business expansion,
7 establishment of new businesses, or industrial development
8 projects.

9 (m) Assist qualified business enterprises in business contract
10 procurement from governmental and private commercial sources.

11 (n) Provide a program effort to ensure participation of
12 qualified veterans in qualified business enterprise activities.

13 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless all
14 of the following bills of the 94th Legislature are enacted into
15 law:

16 (a) Senate Bill No. 733.

17
18 (b) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. ____ (request no.
19 03525'07).

20 (c) Senate Bill No. 734.