

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee recommends the adoption of “AN ACT to encourage participation of Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses in County contracts.”

Your Committee is aware that New York State has enacted Article 17-B of the Executive Law, which created the Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development. This Article provides for the certification of service-disabled veteran-owned businesses, and provides opportunities for those businesses with respect to state contracts.

Your Committee agrees with the laudable goal of providing opportunities to our veterans who were disabled serving our country, and wants to encourage the participation of certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses in county contracts as well. Thus, the attached ACT requires departments and offices of the County to encourage the participation of certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses in the county contracting process, and to document efforts to do so.

Your Committee recognizes that Article 17-B of the Executive Law is currently set to expire on March 31, 2019. If that Article in fact expires, your Committee notes that there will no longer be a Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development, and there will no longer be a certification process for these businesses. As such, the annexed ACT is set to automatically expire at the same time as Article 17-B, whether on March 31, 2019 or at a later date if New York State extends Article 17-B.

Your Committee has reviewed the proposed ACT under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and determined that it is not an action, and therefore no further environmental review is required.

In accordance with the provisions of LWC Section 209.141, an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of the Board is required for approval of the attached ACT. Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends adoption of this ACT.

Dated: April 23, 2018
White Plains, New York

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COMMITTEE ON

Seniors & Constituencies

Budget & Appropriations

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Ow NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$ _____ -

Total Current Year Revenue \$ _____ -

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations

Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: N/A

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$ - _____

Describe: Provides for the certification of service-disabled veteran-owned businesses,
and provides opportunities for those businesses with respect to county contracts

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount \$ - _____

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: _____

Next Four Years: _____

Prepared by: Mark Medwid

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget


Date: April 19, 2018

Reviewed By: *[Signature]*

Budget Director

Date: 4/19/18

TO: Justin Adin
Associate County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM 
Director of Environmental Planning

DATE: April 13, 2018

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR
SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS ACT**

Pursuant to your request for an environmental review of the above referenced action, the Planning Department has determined that no environmental review is necessary.

The action involves an Act of the Board of Legislators to require departments and offices of the County to encourage the participation of certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses in the county contracting process and to document efforts to do so. The Act will be in effect as long as Article 17-B of the New York State Executive Law, which provides for the certification of service-disabled veteran-owned businesses, remains in effect.

Since the proposed action will not "change the use, appearance or condition of any natural resource or structure," or otherwise affect the environment, with respect to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act, this does not constitute an action as defined in section 617.2(b) of 6NYCRR Part 617. As such, no environmental review is required.

Please contact me if you need any additional information on this matter.

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Norma Drummond, Acting Commissioner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

ACT NO. 48 -2018

AN ACT to encourage participation of Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses in County contracts

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

a. "Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses" shall mean businesses that are certified service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprises under the New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act (Executive Law Article 17-B):

b. "departments and offices" shall mean:

(i) any county department; or

(ii) any division, board, commission, or bureau of any county department, or Westchester Community College.

Section 2. Subject to compliance with all applicable laws, including competitive bidding statutes, all departments and offices of Westchester County shall make good faith efforts to encourage participation by Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses in County contracts.

Section 3. All departments and offices of Westchester County shall maintain records reflecting the good faith efforts made by such department or office. The Office of Veteran Affairs shall prepare an Annual Report of the County's efforts to encourage participation by Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses in County contracts. Such Annual Report shall be submitted by June 1st of the next succeeding year to the County Executive and the Board of Legislators.

Section 4. This ACT shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed on the same date that Article 17-B of the New York State Executive Law expires and is repealed.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 48 - 2018, with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole, of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators, of the County of Westchester on April 23, 2018, and approved by the County Executive on April 25, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 27th day of April, 2018.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

