

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB1145

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Wagner

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Certification of businesses owned by service disabled veterans

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill would prohibit discrimination by public bodies in the solicitation and awarding of contracts and requires public bodies to establish a program to facilitate the participation of businesses owned by service disabled veterans in procurement transactions. The bill also requires the Department of Veterans Services to establish a program to certify, upon request, that a veteran who is the owner of a small business is a service disabled veteran.

**6. No fiscal impact.** See Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** This bill will require the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to certify (upon request of a veteran) that an individual holds a certain disabled status. The bill specifically defines a service disabled veteran as a veteran who served in a branch of the military, was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, and who has a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater or 10 percent or greater if combat related, as fixed by the United States Veterans Administration.

To certify that a veteran does or does not hold special disabled veteran status, his/her records would be pulled from files at the Roanoke office of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and reviewed by DVS.

The agency can accommodate the provisions of this bill within existing resources, assuming that approximately 200 or fewer applications are received annually. Additional administrative positions may be required should the workload impact DVS operations to a greater degree or if there is an initial "rush" by veteran business owners to get certified.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Veterans Services, Department of Minority Business Enterprise.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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