



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 228

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 228 creates preferences in awarding state contracts or orders to businesses owned by disabled veterans who have at least a 30% disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The bill permits acceptance of a qualified responsible bid from a disabled veteran-owned business that is no more than 5% higher than the apparent low bid or most advantageous proposal. The preferences are similar to those currently available to minority-owned businesses, but the bill does not create any goals for total amounts or percentages of state contracts or orders to be awarded to the disabled veteran-owned businesses.

Assembly Amendment 1 clarifies that if a business is both disabled veteran-owned and minority-owned, the preferences cannot be “stacked” and only a single 5% preference applies.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs adopted Assembly Amendment 1, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

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