

114TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Boosting Rates of
5 American Veteran Employment Act” or the “BRAVE
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREFERENCE FOR OFFERORS EMPLOYING VET-**
2 **ERANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 81 of
4 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new section:

6 **“§ 8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans**

7 “(a) PREFERENCE.—In awarding a contract (or task
8 order) for the procurement of goods or services, the Sec-
9 retary may give a preference to offerors that employ vet-
10 erans on a full-time basis. The Secretary shall determine
11 such preference based on the percentage of the full-time
12 employees of the offeror who are veterans.

13 “(b) ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTEN-
14 TATION.—(1) Any offeror that is determined by the Sec-
15 retary to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented
16 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror for pur-
17 poses of subsection (a) shall be debarred from contracting
18 with the Department for a period of not less than 5 years.

19 “(2) In the case of a debarment under paragraph (1),
20 the Secretary shall commence debarment action against
21 the offeror by not later than 30 days after determining
22 that the offeror willfully and intentionally misrepresented
23 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror as de-
24 scribed in such paragraph and shall complete debarment
25 action against such offeror by not later than 90 days after
26 such determination.

1 “(3) The debarment of an offeror under paragraph
2 (1) includes the debarment of all principals of the offeror
3 for a period of not less than 5 years.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
5 at the beginning of chapter 81 of such title is amended
6 by inserting after the item relating to section 8128 the
7 following new item:

“8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans.”.