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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a database for businesses owned by
2 veterans.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 35A.19 Veterans' business database.

2 1. The department and the economic development authority
3 shall jointly establish and maintain a public, searchable
4 database of businesses in Iowa which are fifty-one percent
5 or more owned, operated, and actively managed by one or more
6 veterans.

7 2. a. The department and the economic development authority
8 shall obtain the consent of the business before listing the
9 business or information about the business on the database.

10 b. The business may volunteer information to be included
11 on the database. The department and the economic development
12 authority shall verify the accuracy of the information and
13 verify the business meets the requirements of subsection 1
14 before including the business on the database.

15 3. The department and the economic development authority
16 shall update the database on at least a quarterly basis to
17 determine that a business listed on the database meets the
18 requirements of subsection 1.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill requires the Iowa department of veterans affairs
23 and the Iowa economic development authority to establish and
24 maintain a database of businesses in Iowa owned by veterans.
25 The bill provides that the department of veterans affairs and
26 the economic development authority shall update the database
27 on a quarterly basis. The bill requires the department and
28 economic development authority to obtain the consent of the
29 business before including the business or the business's
30 information on the database. The bill allows businesses to
31 volunteer information to be included on the database, and the
32 department and the economic development authority shall add
33 that information after verifying its accuracy.