

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 413

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

February 19, 2015

An act to amend Section 999.12 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 413, as introduced, Chávez. California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program

Existing law requires departments that issue bonds or enter into contracts on behalf of the state to appoint a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program Advocate. Existing law requires this advocate to, among other things, assist certified disabled veteran business enterprises in participating in that agency's contracting process and serve as an advocate for the disabled veteran business enterprises that are utilized as the agency's contractors or subcontractors.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 999.12 of the Military and Veterans Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 999.12. Each awarding department shall appoint an agency
- 4 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program Advocate. This
- 5 person shall be the same individual appointed pursuant to Section

- 1 14846 of the Government Code. The agency Disabled Veteran
2 Business Enterprise Program Advocate shall do all of the
3 following:
- 4 (a) Assist certified disabled veteran business enterprises in
5 participating in that agency’s contracting process.
 - 6 (b) Assist contract officers in seeking disabled veteran business
7 enterprises to participate in the agency’s contract and procurement
8 activities by performing outreach efforts to recruit disabled veteran
9 business enterprises to offer their services, as either a prime
10 contractor or subcontractor, on any contract proposed by the
11 awarding department that requires disabled veteran business
12 enterprise participation, and by other feasible means.
 - 13 (c) Meet regularly with the California Disabled Veteran
14 Business Enterprise Program Advocate and contract and
15 procurement staffs of their departments to disseminate information
16 about the California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise
17 Program.
 - 18 (d) Serve as an advocate for the disabled veteran business
19 enterprises that are utilized as the agency’s contractors or
20 subcontractors.
 - 21 (e) Report to the Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran
22 Business Enterprise Services regarding any violation of this article.
 - 23 (f) Coordinate and meet, on a regular basis, with the California
24 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program Advocate at the
25 Department of Veterans ~~Affairs~~ *Affairs*, in an effort to meet the
26 statewide 3-percent goal ~~provided for in~~ *pursuant to* Section 999.2.