

# Calendar No. 633

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2679

To provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16, 2018

Mr. DURBIN (for Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. KAINE, and Ms. CANTWELL)) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

OCTOBER 11, 2018

Reported by Mr. RISCH, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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## 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 “Veterans Small Busi-  
5 ness Enhancement Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR VETERAN-**  
 2 **OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.**

3 Section 32 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
 4 657b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(g) ~~ACCESS TO SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR VETERAN-~~  
 6 ~~OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.~~—The Administrator, in co-  
 7 ordination with the Administrator of General Services,  
 8 shall provide access to and manage the distribution of sur-  
 9 plus property and foreign excess personal property re-  
 10 turned to a State for handling as surplus property owned  
 11 by the United States to small business concerns owned  
 12 and controlled by veterans (as verified by the Secretary  
 13 of Veterans Affairs under section 8127 of title 38, United  
 14 States Code) pursuant to a memorandum of under-  
 15 standing between the Administrator, the Administrator of  
 16 General Services, and the head of the applicable state  
 17 agency (as defined in section 549 of title 40, United States  
 18 Code) for surplus properties.”.

19 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

20 *This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Small Business*  
 21 *Enhancement Act of 2018”.*

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 23 **OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.**

24 *Section 32 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657b)*  
 25 *is amended by adding at the end the following:*

1       “(g) *ACCESS TO SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR VETERAN-*  
2 *OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.*—

3               “(1) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this subsection—*

4                       “(A) *the term ‘foreign excess property’ has*  
5 *the meaning given the term in section 102 of*  
6 *title 40, United States Code; and*

7                       “(B) *the term ‘state agency’ has the mean-*  
8 *ing given the term, including the roles and re-*  
9 *sponsibilities assigned, in section 549 of title 40,*  
10 *United States Code.*

11               “(2) *REQUIREMENT.*—*The Administrator, in co-*  
12 *ordination with the Administrator of General Serv-*  
13 *ices, shall provide access to and manage the distribu-*  
14 *tion of surplus property, and foreign excess property*  
15 *returned to a State for handling as surplus property,*  
16 *owned by the United States under chapter 7 of title*  
17 *40, United States Code, to small business concerns*  
18 *owned and controlled by veterans (as verified by the*  
19 *Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 8127 of*  
20 *title 38, United States Code) pursuant to a memo-*  
21 *randum of agreement between the Administrator, the*  
22 *Administrator of General Services, and the head of*  
23 *the applicable state agency for surplus properties and*  
24 *in accordance with section 549 of title 40, United*  
25 *States Code.”.*

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