

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-024-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Adams-Stafford and Adams

Introduced by Council Members Adams-Stafford, Adams, Burroughs, Oriadha, Olson and
Blegay

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 21, 2026

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Act

3 For the purpose of facilitating procurement opportunities for businesses located in Prince
4 George's County that are owned by veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 **SUBTITLE 10A. PURCHASING.**

7 Section 10A-101

8 The Prince George's County Code
9 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

10 BY adding:

11 **SUBTITLE 10A. PURCHASING.**

12 Sections 10A-158.11, 10A-158.12, 10A-158.13, 10A-
13 158.14, 10A-158.15,

14 The Prince George's County Code
15 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
17 Maryland, that Section 10A-101 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
18 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

19 **SUBTITLE 10A. PURCHASING.**

20 **DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.**

Sec. 10A-101. Definitions.

(a) The words defined in this Section shall have the meanings set forth below whenever they appear in this Subtitle unless the context in which they are used clearly requires a different meaning or a different definition is prescribed for a particular provision.

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(38.1) **Service Disabled Veteran** means A veteran with a disability connected to military service as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

(38.2) **Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business (“SDVB”)** means a VBE whose owner meets the service-disabled criteria.

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(44.1) **Veteran** means An individual who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

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SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 10A-158.11, 10A-158.12, 10A-158.13, 10A-158.14, and 10A-158.15 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby added:

SUBTITLE 10A. PURCHASING.

DIVISION 6. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

SUBDIVISION 18. VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.

Sec. 10A-158.11. Legislative findings.

(a) The County Council finds that

(1) Service Disabled Veterans contribute significantly to the economic and civic life of Prince George’s County.

(2) Service Disabled Veteran-owned businesses face documented barriers in accessing government contracting opportunities.

(3) Increasing Service Disabled Veteran participation in County procurement opportunities will:

(A) Strengthen the local economy

(B) Support workforce reintegration

(C) Expand equitable access to public contracting

(4) A dedicated opportunity program will ensure meaningful inclusion rather than reliance solely on preference points.

Sec. 10A-158.12. Purpose.

To establish a preference for Service Disabled Veteran Businesses (SDVB).

Sec. 10A-158.13. Service Disabled Veteran Business Preference.

(a) Service Disabled Veteran Businesses (SDVB) shall receive an additional 5% preference points or bid discount in accordance with Section 10A-173.

Sec. 10A-158.14. Certification requirements.

(a) SDVBs must be certified by:
(1) Recognized federal/state certification including but not limited to Maryland Department of Transportation and Maryland Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Program, subject to County reciprocity.

(b) The County shall maintain a publicly accessible SDVB directory.

(c)

Sec. 10A-158.15. Reporting and accountability.

(a) The Office of Procurement shall provide an annual report to the County Council per the reporting requirements pursuant to Section 10A-176 detailing:

(1) Total procurement spending.

(2) Amounts awarded to SDVBs.

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SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the County Council shall conduct a review of the program’s effectiveness five years from the effective date of this legislation.

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SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect One Hundred eighty (180) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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