

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

Bill No. CB-024-2026

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Adams-Stafford

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Veteran Owned Business Enterprise Opportunities Program

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, 10A-158.16, 10A-158.17, 10A-158.18, 10A-158.19

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18 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments: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.**

21 **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 Enterprise (“SDVBE”)** 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, 10A-158.15, 10A-158.16, 10A-158.17, 10A-158.18, and 10A-158.19 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) Veterans contribute significantly to the economic and civic life of Prince George’s County.

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

(3) Increasing 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.

1 **Sec. 10A-158.12. Purpose.**

2 To establish a program setting aside 2% of County small business procurement contracts  
3 for certified Veteran Business Enterprises (VBEs).

4 **Sec. 10A-158.13. Annual goal.**

5 (a) The County shall award not less than 15% of the total dollar value of all eligible  
6 procurement contracts annually to certified VBEs.

7 (b) This percentage shall be calculated based on total procurement expenditures, excluding  
8 federally restricted funds.

9 **Sec. 10A-158.14. Authority of the Purchasing Agent.**

10 The Purchasing Agent may:

11 (a) Designate specific solicitations as VBE-only competitions.

12 (b) Require VBE participation goals on prime contracts.

13 (c) Establish reserve pools for small purchase contracts.

14 **Sec. 10A-158.15. Certification requirements.**

15 (a) VBEs must be certified by:

16 (1) Prince George's County Supplier Development and Diversity Division (SDDD);

17 or

18 (2) Recognized federal/state certification including but not limited to Maryland  
19 Department of Transportation and Maryland Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise  
20 Program, subject to County reciprocity.

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

22 (c) Annual recertification required.

23 **Sec. 10A-158.16. Waivers and exemptions.**

24 (a) The 2% requirement may be waived if:

25 (1) There are insufficient qualified VBEs available.

26 (2) Federal and State funding restrictions prohibit application.

27 (3) An emergency procurement is declared.

28 (b) All waivers must:

29 (1) Be documented in writing.

30 (2) Be reported quarterly to the County Council.

31 **Sec. 10A-158.17. Compliance and enforcement.**

1 (a) Monitoring.

2 (1) Contractors must submit VBE utilization reports.

3 (2) The Office of Procurement shall track quarterly performance.

4 (b) Penalties.

5 (1) Contractors' failure to comply with the requirements of this subdivision may

6 result in:

7 (A) Assessment of liquidated damages against the Contractor.

8 (B) Withholding of payments to the Contractor.

9 (C) Contract termination.

10 (D) Suspension or debarment of the Contractor.

11 **Sec. 10A-158.18. Reporting and accountability.**

12 (a) The Office of Procurement shall provide an annual report to the County Council

13 detailing:

14 (1) Total procurement spending.

15 (2) Amounts awarded to VBEs.

16 (3) Percentage of goals achieved.

17 (4) Amount of waivers granted.

18 (b) The Office of Procurement shall create a public dashboard displaying progress  
19 toward the 15% goal.

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

29 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of the Annual Goal shall be  
30 phased in the following manner:

31 Year 1: 8%

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Year 2: 12%  
Year 3: 15%

SECTION 5. 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.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the County Council may amend the percentage based on performance data.

SECTION 7. 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Clerk of the Council

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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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