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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 391  
by Representative Foil

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "57" to "60"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 11, change "57" to 60"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 13, change "57" to "60"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 1, delete lines 17 through 20 in their entirety and on page 2, delete lines 1 through  
9 13 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

10 "§3202. Legislative findings; creation; intent  
11 A. The Legislature of Louisiana hereby finds and declares all of the  
12 following:  
13 (1) It is necessary and appropriate to honor the sacrifice that Louisiana  
14 veterans have made on our behalf.  
15 (2) A program recognizing and promoting veteran-owned businesses will  
16 help to instill a sense of patriotism in the community and throughout the state and  
17 will aid the men and women who were wounded, incapacitated, or otherwise placed  
18 their lives on hold to fight for freedom.  
19 (3) After serving in the armed forces, veterans often return with dreams of  
20 starting a business to continue to serve the community, reassimilate, and earn an  
21 income in civilian life.  
22 (4) The legislature appreciates and recognizes veterans' sacrifices and intends  
23 to encourage and promote veteran-owned businesses as a vital part of the economy  
24 of the state.  
25 B. The Legislature of Louisiana hereby creates The Veterans First Business  
26 Initiative which shall be administered by Louisiana Economic Development.  
27 C. It is the intent of the Legislature of Louisiana:  
28 (1) That The Veterans First Business Initiative shall highlight and promote  
29 veteran-owned businesses to the public making them easily identifiable and  
30 accessible to enable citizens to support veterans.  
31 (2) That a cooperation among Louisiana Economic Development, the  
32 Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, local chambers of commerce, regional  
33 economic development organizations, and local economic development  
34 organizations throughout the state is harmoniously developed in order to promote  
35 veteran-owned businesses.  
36 (3) That The Veterans First Business Initiative shall reach out to veterans  
37 who own businesses to encourage and assist the veteran to apply for the program and  
38 to facilitate interactions between veteran-owned businesses and veterans seeking  
39 employment."