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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- (at request of the Department of Veterans' Services) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 1

AN ACT to amend the New York city charter, in relation to opportunities for special veteran emerging business enterprises

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraphs 1 and 3 of subdivision i of section 311 of the New York city charter, paragraph 1 as amended by chapter 110 of the laws of 2024 and paragraph 3 as amended by chapter 569 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read as follows:

1. agencies may make procurements of goods, services and construction for amounts not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars from businesses certified as minority or women-owned business enterprises pursuant to section thirteen hundred four of the charter **and from special veteran emerging business enterprises** without a formal competitive process.

3. the rule or rules promulgated to implement paragraph one of this subdivision shall provide that the city shall, commencing on the first of October of the first full calendar year following the adoption of such rule or rules, submit an annual report to the governor and the state legislature of the total number and total dollar value of procurements of goods and services for amounts not exceeding the dollar amount threshold for making procurements without a formal competitive process as established by rule pursuant to paragraph one of this subdivision from:

(i) businesses certified as minority or women-owned business enterprises pursuant to section thirteen hundred four of the charter;

(ii) **special veteran emerging business enterprises;**

(iii) all other businesses; and

EXPLANATION--Matter in ***italics*** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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[~~(iii)~~] **(iv)** information about the number of businesses certified as minority or women-owned business enterprises pursuant to section thirteen hundred four of this charter **or special veteran emerging business enterprises that are** able to perform the specific type and scale of work involved in each procurement.

§ 2. Subdivision i of section 311 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new paragraph 4 to read as follows:

4. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "special veteran emerging business enterprise" means a business enterprise that is a certified service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprise as defined in subdivision one of section forty of the veterans' services law and that is certified as an emerging business enterprise pursuant to section thirteen hundred four of the charter.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.