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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 67, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to increasing the number of contracts awarded to women's and minority business enterprises.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 67, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 67.308, to read as follows:

- 67.308. 1. As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall mean:
- 3 (1) "Certification", the determination, through whatever 4 procedure is used by the political subdivision, that a legal entity is a 5 socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern for 6 purposes of this section;
 - (2) "Minority business enterprise", a business that is:
- 8 (a) A sole proprietorship owned and controlled by a minority;
- 9 (b) A partnership or joint venture owned and controlled by
 10 minorities in which at least fifty-one percent of the ownership interest
 11 is held by minorities and the management and daily business
 12 operations of which are controlled by one or more of the minorities
 13 who own it; or
- 14 (c) A corporation or other entity whose management and daily 15 business operations are controlled by one or more minorities who own 16 it, and which is at least fifty-one percent owned by one or more 17 minorities, or if stock is issued, at least fifty-one percent of the stock 18 is owned by one or more minorities;
- 19 (3) "Political subdivision":
- 20 (a) Any county with a charter form of government and with more 21 than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants; or

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- (b) Any city not within a county;
- (4) "Socially and economically disadvantaged individuals", individuals, regardless of gender, who have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or sexual prejudice or cultural bias because of their identity as a member of a group without regard to their individual qualities and whose ability to compete in the free enterprise system has been impaired due to diminished capital and credit opportunities as compared to others in the same business area. In determining the degree of diminished credit and capital opportunities each political subdivision shall consider, but not be limited to, the assets and net worth of such individual;
- (5) "Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern", any small business concern:
- (a) Which is at least fifty-one percent owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least fifty-one percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and
- (b) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals;
 - (6) "Women's business enterprise", a business that is:
 - (a) A sole proprietorship owned and controlled by a woman;
- (b) A partnership or joint venture owned and controlled by women in which at least fifty-one percent of the ownership interest is held by women and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more of the women who own it; or
- (c) A corporation or other entity whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women who own it, and which is at least fifty-one percent owned by women, or if stock is issued, at least fifty-one percent of the stock is owned by one or more women.
- 2. Each political subdivision shall establish and implement a plan to increase and maintain the participation of certified socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns, women's business enterprises, or minority business enterprises, directly or indirectly, in at least fifty percent of the contracts for supplies, services, and construction contracts let by the political subdivision.

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