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**LEGISLATURE PASSES FELDMAN BILL TO STUDY
PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE FOR SERVICE-DISABLED VETS**

New Task Force will consider State contracting for veteran-owned businesses.

ANNAPOLIS, MD (April 2005) —Legislation by Delegate Brian Feldman (D15, Montgomery County) to study the viability of State procurement preferences for small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans passed the General Assembly and is expected to be signed into law by the Governor. The measure follows legislation enacted in Congress in 2003 to establish a 3 percent Federal procurement goal for businesses owned by service-disabled veterans.

Currently, there are 540,000 veterans living in Maryland. “The timing of this legislation represents our increasing awareness of the sacrifices made by our military,” said Delegate Feldman (D15, Montgomery County), adding that the bill was developed working with the General Assembly Veterans’ Caucus.

The Task Force, made up of members of the general public as well as representatives from various veterans groups and State government, will study ways that the State can assist service-disabled veterans in establishing and succeeding as a small business.

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