

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to minority business status for
 3 disabled persons; revising the definition of the term
 4 "minority person" to include disabled persons for
 5 purposes of the Florida Small and Minority Business
 6 Assistance Act; providing an effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (4) of
 11 section 288.703, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 288.703 Definitions.—As used in ss. 288.702–288.706, the
 13 term:

14 (4) "Minority person" means a lawful, permanent resident
 15 of Florida who is:

16 (f) A disabled person. For purposes of this paragraph, the
 17 term "disabled" means having a severe physical or mental
 18 disability that:

19 1. Is a result of amputation, arthritis, autism,
 20 blindness, burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis,
 21 deafness, head injury, heart disease, hemiplegia, hemophilia,
 22 respiratory or pulmonary dysfunction, mental retardation, mental
 23 illness, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, musculoskeletal
 24 disorder, neurological disorder, including stroke and epilepsy,
 25 paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other spinal cord injuries, sickle
 26 cell anemia, specific learning disabilities, or end stage renal

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27 | disease; and

28 | 2. Substantially limits one or more of the person's major
29 | life activities.

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31 | Another disability or combination of disabilities may be
32 | considered a severe physical or mental disability for purposes
33 | of this paragraph if the disability or combination of
34 | disabilities causes a comparable degree of substantial
35 | limitation similar to the list of disabilities provided in
36 | subparagraph 1.

37 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.