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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 306—ASSEMBLYMEN BILBRAY-AXELROD,  
MILLER, BACKUS; ASSEFA, CARRILLO, DALY, DURAN,  
EDWARDS, ELLISON, FLORES, FUMO, HARDY, JAUREGUI,  
KRAMER, MONROE-MORENO, MUNK, NGUYEN, PETERS,  
SWANK, TORRES, WATTS AND WHEELER

MARCH 18, 2019

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

**SUMMARY**—Enacts provisions to assist veteran-owned businesses  
to create cooperatives. (BDR 7-288)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to veterans; authorizing a cooperative entity to use  
certain words in the name of the cooperative if a certain  
number of the directors or members of the cooperative are  
veterans; and providing other matters properly relating  
thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, a person may form various types of cooperative entities.  
2 Existing law authorizes three or more persons to form a nonprofit cooperative  
3 corporation. (NRS 81.010-81.160) Existing law authorizes five or more persons to  
4 form a cooperative association. (NRS 81.170-81.270) Under existing law, three or  
5 more persons may form a nonprofit cooperative corporation without stock. (NRS  
6 81.410-81.540) This bill authorizes any of these types of cooperative entities to  
7 include the words “veteran-owned cooperative” in the name of the cooperative only  
8 if: (1) 51 percent of the directors of the cooperative are veterans; or (2) 51 percent  
9 of the members of the cooperative are veterans. This bill also provides that a  
10 veteran-owned cooperative has the same rights as any other entity or business  
11 formed in this State.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 81 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       **1. A cooperative entity formed pursuant to this chapter may**  
4 **include the words “veteran-owned cooperative” in the name of the**  
5 **cooperative entity only if:**

6       **(a) At least 51 percent of the directors of the cooperative entity**  
7 **are veterans; or**

8       **(b) At least 51 percent of the members of the cooperative entity**  
9 **are veterans.**

10       **2. A cooperative entity formed pursuant to this chapter which**  
11 **includes the words “veteran-owned cooperative” in the name of**  
12 **the cooperative entity pursuant to subsection 1 has the same rights**  
13 **as any other entity or business formed in this State, including,**  
14 **without limitation, the rights to submit a bid on a public project or**  
15 **apply for a license or certification.**

16       **3. As used in this section, “veteran” has the meaning**  
17 **ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.**

18       **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

