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Recognizes the unique sacrifices made by veterans and the substantial challenges that returning veterans face after a period of military duty away from home.

Recognizes that veterans who own private businesses may face particular hardships as a direct result of their military service. The purpose of this act is to mitigate economic damage to veteran-owned businesses as a result of military service, and to provide opportunities to them in recognition of the outstanding service they have given to their country.

Directs the department to report to the legislature by December 1, 2009, and December 1st of each odd-numbered year thereafter outlining the progress made in implementing this act.