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A bill by Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, that was signed into law this week will require the federal government to post on the Internet information about how many military veterans are hired by federal contractors.

McNerney said the law will help veterans by allowing them to easily identify firms that employ veterans.

McNerney's bill, the Veterans Employment Promotion Act - HR2243 - was included in HR1627.

Law requires contractors to file reports on the number of veterans they hire and employ, but McNerney argued that information is not easily accessible to the public.