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# H. R. 5500

To amend title 38, United States Code, to protect employment and training services for veterans, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Veterans Em-  
5 ployment and Training Services Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**  
7 **SERVICES FOR VETERANS.**

8 (a) **DISABLED VETERANS’ OUTREACH PROGRAM.**—  
9 Section 4103A of title 38, United States Code, is amend-  
10 ed—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
2 following new paragraphs:

3           “(4) If a disabled veterans’ outreach program spe-  
4 cialist is not able to assist all eligible veterans seeking his  
5 or her assistance under this chapter, the Secretary may  
6 establish an order of priority for the furnishing of such  
7 assistance that is consistent with paragraph (1) of this  
8 subsection and section 4102 of this title.

9           “(5) A disabled veterans’ outreach program specialist  
10 may perform an initial intake and assessment of an indi-  
11 vidual under this chapter in order to—

12           “(A) determine whether the individual is a spe-  
13 cial disabled veteran, another disabled veteran, or  
14 another eligible veteran;

15           “(B) administer the order of priority set forth  
16 in paragraph (1) and any order of priority estab-  
17 lished under paragraph (4); and

18           “(C) assess the needs of the individual, includ-  
19 ing whether the individual needs intensive services.”;  
20 and

21           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
22 section:

23           “(e) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not impose  
24 any restriction on the duties that a disabled veterans’ out-  
25 reach program specialist may perform or on the individ-

1 uals whom a disabled veterans' outreach program spe-  
2 cialist may assist other than those specifically provided for  
3 in this chapter.”.

4 (b) LOCAL VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTA-  
5 TIVES.—Section 4104 of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and

9 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

10 (B) in the matter before subparagraph

11 (A), as redesignated by subparagraph (A) of

12 this paragraph, by inserting “(1)” before “As

13 principal duties”;

14 (C) by adding at the end the following new

15 paragraphs:

16 “(2) In addition to the principal duties required by

17 paragraph (1), a local veterans' employment representa-

18 tive may furnish employment, training, and placement

19 services directly to eligible veterans and eligible persons.

20 “(3) Each local veterans' employment representative

21 shall spend a majority of his or her time as a local vet-

22 erans' employment representative carrying out the prin-

23 cipal duties set forth in subsection (b).”; and

24 (D) in the heading, by striking “PRIN-

25 CIPAL”;

1           (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
2           section (g); and

3           (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
4           lowing new subsection (f):

5           “(f) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not impose  
6           any restriction on the duties that a local veterans’ employ-  
7           ment representative may perform or on the individuals  
8           whom a local veterans’ employment representative may as-  
9           sist other than those specifically provided for in this chap-  
10          ter.”.

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