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H. R. 2827

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and expand the membership of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans to include veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2017

Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Mr. WALZ, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. PETERS, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. HECK, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. RUSH, Ms. MENG, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. POCAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. POLIS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KILMER, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. BEYER, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. MOORE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. KIND, Ms. GABBARD, and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Voices for Veterans
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF**
7 **THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY**
8 **VETERANS TO INCLUDE VETERANS WHO ARE**
9 **LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL OR TRANSGENDER.**

10 (a) EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP.—Subsection
11 (a)(2)(A) of section 544 of title 38, United States Code,
12 is amended—

13 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at the end;

14 (2) in clause (v), by striking the period at the
15 end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (3) by inserting after clause (v) the following
17 new clauses:

18 “(vi) veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or
19 transgender.”.

20 (b) EXTENSION.—Subsection (e) of such section is
21 amended by striking “December 31, 2017” and inserting
22 “December 31, 2019”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Clause (vi) of section
24 544(a)(2)(A) of title 38, United States Code, shall apply

1 to appointments made on or after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.

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