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# H. R. 7420

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2020

Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. COX of California, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. COOPER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. MOORE, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. YARMUTH, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. BEYER, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. HIMES, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. HECK, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RYAN, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. PORTER, and Mr. QUIGLEY) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Voices for Veterans  
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY**  
5 **COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS TO IN-**  
6 **CLUDE VETERANS WHO ARE LESBIAN, GAY,**  
7 **BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, OR QUEER.**

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

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

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

14 (3) by inserting after clause (v) the following  
15 new clauses:

16 “(vi) veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
17 transgender, or queer”.

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Clause (vi) of section  
19 544(a)(2)(A) of title 38, United States Code, shall apply  
20 to appointments made on or after the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act.

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