

Union Calendar No. 41

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 802

[Report No. 112-80]

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

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

MAY 20, 2011

Additional sponsors: Mr. GRIMM and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio

MAY 20, 2011

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a
VetStar Award Program.

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. VETSTAR AWARD PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs shall establish an award program, to be known as
6 the “VetStar Award Program”, to annually recognize
7 businesses for their contributions to veterans’ employ-
8 ment.

9 (b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary shall establish
10 a process for the administration of the award program,
11 including criteria for—

12 (1) categories and sectors of businesses eligible
13 for recognition each year; and

14 (2) objective measures to be used in selecting
15 businesses to receive the award.

16 (c) **VETERAN DEFINED.**—In this section, the term
17 “veteran” has the meaning given that term in section
18 401(2) of title 38, United States Code.

19 **SECTION 1. VETSTAR AWARD PROGRAM.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 532 of title 38, United
21 States Code, is amended—

22 (1) by striking “The Secretary may” and insert-
23 ing “ (a) **ADVERTISING IN NATIONAL MEDIA.**—The
24 Secretary may”; and

1 (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*
 2 *section:*

3 “(b) *VETSTAR AWARD PROGRAM.—(1) The Secretary*
 4 *shall establish an award program, to be known as the*
 5 *‘VetStar Award Program’, to annually recognize businesses*
 6 *for their contributions to veterans’ employment.*

7 “(2) *The Secretary shall establish a process for the ad-*
 8 *ministration of the award program, including criteria*
 9 *for—*

10 “(A) *categories and sectors of businesses eligible*
 11 *for recognition each year; and*

12 “(B) *objective measures to be used in selecting*
 13 *businesses to receive the award.”.*

14 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—*

15 (1) *SECTION HEADING.—The heading of such sec-*
 16 *tion is amended by adding at the end the following:*
 17 “; ***VetStar Award Program***”.

18 (2) *TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections*
 19 *at the beginning of chapter 5 of such title is amended*
 20 *by striking the item relating to section 532 and in-*
 21 *serting the following new item:*

“532. *Authority to advertise in national media; VetStar Award Program.*”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program.”.

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