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2D SESSION

H. R. 4999

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, or bisexual and veterans who are transgender.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2014

Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. POCAN, Ms. BASS, Mr. POLIS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. WALZ) 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”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF**
2 **THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY**
3 **VETERANS TO INCLUDE VETERANS WHO ARE**
4 **LESBIAN, GAY, OR BISEXUAL AND VETERANS**
5 **WHO ARE TRANSGENDER.**

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

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

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

12 (3) by inserting after clause (v) the following
13 new clauses:

14 “(vi) veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or
15 transgender.”.

16 (b) **EXTENSION.**—Subsection (e) of such section is
17 amended by striking “December 31, 2014” and inserting
18 “December 31, 2017”.

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

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