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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

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LEE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. POLIS, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. FARR, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. ESTY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. ASHFORD, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. HAHN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KIND, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. KILMER, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. TITUS, Mr. HONDA, Ms. MENG, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. WALZ) 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,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Voices for Veterans Act''.

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

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

(1) in clause (iv), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(2) in clause (v), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

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

''(vi) veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.''.

(b) EXTENSION.—Subsection (e) of such section is amended by striking ''December 31, 2015'' and inserting ''December 31, 2017''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Clause (vi) of section 544(a)(2)(A) of title 38, United States Code, shall apply to appointments made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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