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# H. R. 915

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.

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (b) **EXTENSION.**—Subsection (e) of such section is  
20 amended by striking “December 31, 2015” and inserting  
21 “December 31, 2017”.

22 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Clause (vi) of section  
23 544(a)(2)(A) of title 38, United States Code, shall apply  
24 to appointments made on or after the date of the enact-  
25 ment of this Act.