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S. 1412

To authorize veterans service organizations to solicit donations at post offices before and after Federal holidays.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 9, 2019

Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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 “Restoring Access, Im-
5 proving Service to Enable Veterans Engaging To
6 Fundraise Act of 2019” or the “RAISE VET FUND
7 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SOLICITATION BY VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZA-**
 2 **TIONS AT POST OFFICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404 of title 39, United
 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing:

6 “(f) SOLICITATION BY VETERANS SERVICE ORGANI-
 7 ZATIONS AT POST OFFICES.—

8 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

9 “(A) the term ‘business day’ means a day
 10 on which a post office is open;

11 “(B) the term ‘Federal holiday’ means—

12 “(i) a legal public holiday under sec-
 13 tion 6103(a) of title 5; and

14 “(ii) Flag Day, as designated under
 15 section 110 of title 36;

16 “(C) the term ‘holiday period’ means the
 17 period beginning 2 business days before, and
 18 ending 2 business days after, a Federal holiday;
 19 and

20 “(D) the term ‘veterans service organiza-
 21 tion’ means an organization recognized by the
 22 Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the represen-
 23 tation of veterans under section 5902 of title
 24 38.

25 “(2) AUTHORIZATION.—The Postal Service
 26 shall permit a veterans service organization to solicit

1 donations by distributing items that are symbols for
2 veterans at a post office on any business day during
3 a holiday period.”.

4 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the United States Postal
6 Service shall promulgate regulations governing the use of
7 post offices by veterans service organizations, including
8 with respect to scheduling, under subsection (f) of section
9 404 of title 39, United States Code, as added by sub-
10 section (a).

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (f) of section 404
12 of title 39, United States Code, as added by subsection
13 (a), shall take effect on the date that is 120 days after
14 the date of enactment of this Act.

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