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To amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2023

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Jury Access for Capa-
5 ble Citizens and Equality in Service Selection Act of
6 2023” or the “Jury ACCESS Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FROM FEDERAL JURIES ON ACCOUNT**
2 **OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDEN-**
3 **TITY PROHIBITED.**

4 Section 1862 of title 28, United States Code, is
5 amended by inserting “sexual orientation, gender iden-
6 tity,” after “sex,”.

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