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1ST SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. DELBENE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY**
2 **COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS TO IN-**
3 **CLUDE VETERANS WHO ARE LESBIAN, GAY,**
4 **BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, GENDER DI-**
5 **VERSE, GENDER NON-CONFORMING,**
6 **INTERSEX, OR QUEER.**

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

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

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

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

15 “(vi) veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual,
16 transgender, gender diverse, gender non-conforming,
17 intersex, or queer.”.

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