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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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,*

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, QUEER, OR TRANSGENDER.**

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

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

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

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

13 “(vi) veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
14 queer, or transgender.”.

15 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Clause (vi) of section  
16 544(a)(2)(A) of title 38, United States Code, shall apply  
17 to appointments made on or after the date of the enact-  
18 ment of this Act.