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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”.

June 11, 2021 (4:10 p.m.)

SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS TO INCLUDE VETERANS WHO ARE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, GENDER DIVERSE, GENDER NON-CONFORMING, INTERSEX, OR QUEER.

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

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

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

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

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

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