

Union Calendar No. 405

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3681

[Report No. 110-644]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to advertise in the national media to promote awareness of benefits under laws administered by the Secretary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 15, 2008

Additional sponsors: Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SPACE, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. BARROW, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HALL of New York, and Mr. BUYER

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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 “Veterans Benefits
5 Awareness Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
7 **TO ADVERTISE TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF**
8 **BENEFITS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY**
9 **THE SECRETARY.**

10 (a) **AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE.**—Subchapter H of
11 chapter 5 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
12 adding at the end the following new section:

13 **“§ 532. Authority to advertise in national media**

14 “The Secretary may purchase advertising in national
15 media outlets for the purpose of promoting awareness of
16 benefits under laws administered by the Secretary.”.

17 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections
18 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
19 after the item relating to section 531 the following:

“532. Authority to advertise in national media.”.

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22 *Awareness Act of 2008”.*

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5 (a) *AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE.*—Subchapter II of
6 chapter 5 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
7 adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 532. Authority to advertise in national media**

9 *“The Secretary may purchase advertising in national*
10 *media outlets for the purpose of promoting awareness of*
11 *benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, includ-*
12 *ing promoting awareness of assistance provided by the Sec-*
13 *retary, including assistance for programs to assist homeless*
14 *veterans, to promote veteran-owned small businesses, and*
15 *to provide opportunities for employment in the Department*
16 *of Veterans Affairs and for education, training, compensa-*
17 *tion, pension, vocational rehabilitation, and healthcare ben-*
18 *efits, and mental healthcare (including the prevention of*
19 *suicide among veterans).”.*

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