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# H. R. 5088

To recognize and grant a Federal charter to the National Alliance for the  
Mentally Ill.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR (for herself and Mr. BRYANT) introduced the following bill; which  
was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

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. FEDERAL CHARTER.**

4 The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a non-  
5 profit corporation organized under the laws of the State  
6 of Missouri (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “cor-  
7 poration”), is recognized as such and is granted a Federal  
8 charter.

1 **SEC. 2. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF CORPORATION.**

2 The objects and purposes of the corporation are those  
3 provided in its articles of incorporation, bylaws, and policy  
4 platform and shall include the following:

5 (1) Promoting a system of treatment and reha-  
6 bilitation for chronically mentally ill veterans in VA  
7 hospitals and in the community.

8 (2) Promoting increased emphasis on bio-  
9 medical and services research for chronically men-  
10 tally ill veterans.

11 (3) Conducting educational programs and ac-  
12 tivities with the Department of Veterans Affairs to  
13 facilitate increased knowledge about mental illness  
14 and reducing stigma and misinformation about these  
15 disorders.

16 (4) Developing community support groups with-  
17 in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-  
18 ters for chronically mentally ill veterans and their  
19 families.

20 (5) Fostering expertise and resource allocation  
21 in treatment and supportive services for chronically  
22 mentally ill veterans who are homeless or in jeopardy  
23 of becoming homeless.

24 (6) Improving the interface of the Department  
25 of Veterans Affairs with other important govern-

1        mental and private entities serving chronically men-  
2        tally ill veterans.

3        **SEC. 3. NONDISCRIMINATION.**

4        In establishing the conditions of membership in the  
5        corporation and in determining the requirements for serv-  
6        ing on the board of directors or as an officer of the cor-  
7        poration, the corporation may not discriminate on the  
8        basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age, or na-  
9        tional origin.

10       **SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS.**

11       (a) LOANS.—The corporation may not make any loan  
12       to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

13       (b) STOCK.—The corporation shall have no power to  
14       issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any divi-  
15       dends.

16       (c) CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.—The corporation  
17       shall not claim congressional approval or the authorization  
18       of the Federal Government for any of its activities.

19       **SEC. 5. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.**

20       The first section of the Act entitled “An Act to pro-  
21       vide for audit of accounts of private corporations estab-  
22       lished under Federal law”, approved August 30, 1964 (36  
23       U.S.C. 1101), is amended—

24                (1) by redesignating paragraph (72) as para-  
25       graph (71);

1           (2) by inserting “(72)” before “The Non-Com-  
2           missioned Officers Association”;

3           (3) by redesignating the second paragraph (60)  
4           as paragraph (73); and

5           (4) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(77) The National Alliance for the Mentally  
7           Ill.”.

8   **SEC. 6. ANNUAL REPORT.**

9           The corporation shall report annually to the Congress  
10          concerning the activities of the corporation during the pre-  
11          ceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted  
12          at the same time as the report of the audit required by  
13          section 5 of this Act. The report shall not be printed as  
14          a public document.

15   **SEC. 7. TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.**

16          The corporation shall maintain its status as an orga-  
17          nization exempt from taxation as provided in the Internal  
18          Revenue Code of 1986. If the corporation fails to maintain  
19          such status, the charter granted by this Act shall expire.

20   **SEC. 8. TERMINATION.**

21          The charter granted by this Act shall expire if the  
22          corporation fails to comply with—

23                 (1) any restriction or other provision of this  
24          Act,

1           (2) any provision of its bylaws or articles of in-  
2           corporation, or

3           (3) any provision of the laws of the District of  
4           Columbia.

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