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S. 749

To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the authority relating to the Center for Minority Veterans and the Center for Women Veterans of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3 (legislative day, MAY 1), 1995

Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. REVISION OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO CEN-**
4 **TERS.**

5 (a) SES STATUS OF DIRECTORS.—Sections 317(b)
6 and 318(b) of title 38, United States Code, are each
7 amended by inserting “career or” before “noncareer”.

1 (b) ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF CENTER FOR MI-
2 NORITY VETERANS.—Section 317(d) of such title is
3 amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (10) as para-
5 graph (12); and

6 (2) by inserting after paragraph (9) the follow-
7 ing new paragraphs (10) and (11):

8 “(10) Advise the Secretary and other appro-
9 priate officials on the effectiveness of the Depart-
10 ment’s efforts to accomplish the goals of section
11 492B of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
12 289a–2) with respect to the inclusion of members of
13 minority groups in clinical research and on particu-
14 lar health conditions affecting the health of members
15 of minority groups which should be studied as part
16 of the Department’s medical research program and
17 promote cooperation between the Department and
18 other sponsors of medical research of potential bene-
19 fit to veterans who are minorities.

20 “(11) Provide support and administrative serv-
21 ices to the Advisory Committee on Minority Veter-
22 ans provided for under section 544 of this title.”.

23 (c) DEFINITION OF MINORITY VETERANS.—Section
24 317 of such title is further amended by adding at the end
25 the following:

1 “(g) In this section—

2 “(1) The term ‘veterans who are minorities’
3 means veterans who are minority group members.

4 “(2) The term ‘minority group member’ has the
5 meaning given such term in section 544(d) of this
6 title.”.

7 (d) CLARIFICATION OF FUNCTIONS OF CENTER FOR
8 WOMEN VETERANS.—Section 318(d)(10) of such title is
9 amended by striking out “(relating to” and all that follows
10 through “and of” and inserting in lieu thereof “(42 U.S.C.
11 289a–2) with respect to the inclusion of women in clinical
12 research and on”.

13 **SEC. 2. OVERSIGHT OF CENTERS BY ADVISORY COMMIT-**
14 **TEES.**

15 (a) CENTER FOR WOMEN VETERANS.—Section
16 542(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraph:

20 “(2) The Committee shall monitor and evaluate the
21 activities of the Center for Women Veterans provided for
22 under section 318 of this title and report to the Secretary
23 the results of such monitoring and evaluation at the re-
24 quest of the Secretary.”.

1 (b) CENTER FOR MINORITY VETERANS.—Section
2 544(b) of such title is amended—

3 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(2) The Committee shall monitor and evaluate the
7 activities of the Center for Minority Veterans provided for
8 under section 317 of this title and report to the Secretary
9 the results of such monitoring and evaluation at the re-
10 quest of the Secretary.”.

11 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATE OF ADVISORY**

12 **COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS.**

13 Section 544(e) of title 38, United States Code, is
14 amended by striking out “December 31, 1997” and insert-
15 ing in lieu thereof “December 31, 1999”.

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