

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3681

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2008

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Benefits
3 Awareness Act of 2008”.

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

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

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

12 “The Secretary may purchase advertising in national
13 media outlets for the purpose of promoting awareness of
14 benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, includ-
15 ing promoting awareness of assistance provided by the
16 Secretary, including assistance for programs to assist
17 homeless veterans, to promote veteran-owned small busi-
18 nesses, and to provide opportunities for employment in the
19 Department of Veterans Affairs and for education, train-
20 ing, compensation, pension, vocational rehabilitation, and
21 healthcare benefits, and mental healthcare (including the
22 prevention of suicide among veterans).”.

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives May 20, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.