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To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the
Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 1999

Mr. BONIOR (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. HORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal
charter to the Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated.

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 “Ukrainian American
5 Veterans Charter Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHARTER FOR UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS,**
7 **INCORPORATED.**

8 Part B of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code,
9 is amended by inserting after chapter 2103 the following
10 new chapter:

1 **“CHAPTER 2105—UKRAINIAN AMERICAN**
 2 **VETERANS, INCORPORATED**

“Sec.

“210501. Charter.

“210502. Purposes.

“210503. Powers.

“210504. Restrictions.

“210505. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status.

“210506. Records and inspection.

“210507. Liability for acts of officers and agents.

“210508. Annual report.

“210509. Termination.

“210510. Definitions.

3 **“§ 210501. Charter**

4 “The Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated,
 5 organized and incorporated under the laws of the State
 6 of New York, is hereby recognized and granted a Federal
 7 charter.

8 **“§ 210502. Purposes**

9 “The purposes of the corporation are those provided
 10 in its articles of incorporation and include a commitment,
 11 on a national basis, to—

12 “(1) preserve, protect, and defend the Constitu-
 13 tion of the United States;

14 “(2) commemorate the wars, campaigns, and
 15 military actions of the United States in order to re-
 16 flect respect, honor, and tribute for the dead and the
 17 surviving veterans;

18 “(3) give individuals throughout the Nation a
 19 greater understanding of and appreciation for the
 20 sacrifices of the people who participated in any mili-

1 tary action on behalf of individuals throughout the
2 United States;

3 “(4) stimulate, to the highest degree possible,
4 the interest of the entire Nation in the problems of
5 veterans, their widows, and orphans;

6 “(5) collect, edit, publish, and preserve records
7 and mementos of patriotic service of veterans of the
8 Armed Forces of the United States; and

9 “(6) foster the association of veterans of
10 Ukrainian descent who have served in the Armed
11 Forces of the United States.

12 **“§ 210503. Powers**

13 “The corporation shall have only the powers granted
14 to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed
15 in the States in which it is incorporated and subject to
16 the laws of such States.

17 **“§ 210504. Restrictions**

18 “(a) USE OF INCOME AND ASSETS.—No part of the
19 income or assets of the corporation may inure to any mem-
20 ber, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed
21 to any such person during the life of this charter. No pro-
22 vision in this subsection may be construed to prevent the
23 payment of reasonable compensation to the officers and
24 employees of the corporation or reimbursement for actual

1 necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of
2 directors.

3 “(b) LOANS.—The corporation may not make any
4 loan to any member, officer, director, or employee of the
5 corporation.

6 “(c) POLITICAL ACTIVITY.—The corporation, any of-
7 ficer or director of the corporation, acting as such officer
8 or director, may not contribute to, support, or otherwise
9 participate in any political activity or in any manner at-
10 tempt to influence legislation.

11 “(d) ISSUANCE OF STOCK AND PAYMENT OF DIVI-
12 DENDS.—The corporation may not issue any shares of
13 stock or declare or pay any dividends.

14 “(e) CLAIMS OF FEDERAL APPROVAL.—The corpora-
15 tion may not claim the approval of the Congress or the
16 authorization of the Federal Government for any of its
17 activities.

18 “(f) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall
19 maintain its status as a corporation organized and incor-
20 porated under the laws of the State of New York.

21 “(g) CORPORATE FUNCTION.—The corporation shall
22 function as an educational, patriotic, civic, and historical
23 organization under the laws of the States in which it is
24 incorporated.

1 **“§ 210505. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

2 “The corporation shall maintain its status as an or-
3 ganization exempt from taxation as provided in the Inter-
4 nal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

5 **“§ 210506. Records and inspection**

6 “(a) BOOKS AND RECORDS OF ACCOUNT.—The cor-
7 poration shall keep correct and complete books and
8 records of account and shall keep minutes of any pro-
9 ceeding of the corporation involving any of its members,
10 the board of directors, or any committee having authority
11 under the board of directors.

12 “(b) NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS.—The
13 corporation shall keep, at its principal office, a record of
14 the names of all members having the right to vote in any
15 proceeding of the corporation.

16 “(c) RIGHT TO INSPECT BOOKS AND RECORDS.—All
17 books and records of the corporation may be inspected by
18 any member having the right to vote, or by any agent or
19 attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any
20 reasonable time.

21 “(d) APPLICATION OF STATE LAW.—No provision of
22 this section may be construed to contravene any applicable
23 State law.

24 **“§ 210507. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

25 “The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its
26 officers, directors, employees, and agents whenever the of-

1 ficers, directors, employees, and agents act within the
2 scope of their authority.

3 **“§ 210508. Annual report**

4 “The corporation shall submit an annual report to
5 Congress on the activities of the corporation during the
6 prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the
7 same time as the report of the audit required by section
8 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a
9 public document.

10 **“§ 210509. Termination**

11 “The charter granted in this chapter shall expire if
12 the corporation fails to comply with any provisions of this
13 chapter.

14 **“§ 210510. Definitions**

15 “For purposes of this chapter—

16 “(1) the term ‘corporation’ means the Ukrain-
17 ian American Veterans, Incorporated; and

18 “(2) the term ‘State’ means any of the several
19 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
20 of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern
21 Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, Amer-
22 ican Samoa, the Trust Territories of the Pacific Is-
23 lands, or any other territory or possessions of the
24 United States.”.

1 **SEC. 3. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**

2 The table of chapters at the beginning of subtitle II
3 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by inserting
4 after the item relating to chapter 2103 the following new
5 item:

“2105. UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, INCORPORATED ..210501”.

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