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H. R. 5500

To amend title 38, United States Code, to protect employment and training services for veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Veterans Em-
5 ployment and Training Services Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**
7 **SERVICES FOR VETERANS.**

8 (a) DISABLED VETERANS’ OUTREACH PROGRAM.—

9 Section 4103A of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
10 ed—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
2 following new paragraphs:

3 “(4) If a disabled veterans’ outreach program spe-
4 cialist is not able to assist all eligible veterans seeking his
5 or her assistance under this chapter, the Secretary may
6 establish an order of priority for the furnishing of such
7 assistance that is consistent with paragraph (1) of this
8 subsection and section 4102 of this title.

9 “(5) A disabled veterans’ outreach program specialist
10 may perform an initial intake and assessment of an indi-
11 vidual under this chapter in order to—

12 “(A) determine whether the individual is a spe-
13 cial disabled veteran, another disabled veteran, or
14 another eligible veteran;

15 “(B) administer the order of priority set forth
16 in paragraph (1) and any order of priority estab-
17 lished under paragraph (4); and

18 “(C) assess the needs of the individual, includ-
19 ing whether the individual needs intensive services.”;
20 and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 section:

23 “(e) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not impose
24 any restriction on the duties that a disabled veterans’ out-
25 reach program specialist may perform or on the individ-

1 uals whom a disabled veterans’ outreach program spe-
 2 cialist may assist other than those specifically provided for
 3 in this chapter.”.

4 (b) LOCAL VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTA-
 5 TIVES.—Section 4104 of title 38, United States Code, is
 6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and

9 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

10 (B) in the matter before subparagraph

11 (A), as redesignated by subparagraph (A) of

12 this paragraph, by inserting “(1)” before “As

13 principal duties”;

14 (C) by adding at the end the following new

15 paragraphs:

16 “(2) In addition to the principal duties required by

17 paragraph (1), a local veterans’ employment representa-

18 tive may furnish employment, training, and placement

19 services directly to eligible veterans and eligible persons.

20 “(3) Each local veterans’ employment representative

21 shall spend a majority of his or her time as a local vet-

22 erans’ employment representative carrying out the prin-

23 cipal duties set forth in subsection (b).”; and

24 (D) in the heading, by striking “PRIN-

25 CIPAL”;

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
2 section (g); and

3 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection (f):

5 “(f) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not impose
6 any restriction on the duties that a local veterans’ employ-
7 ment representative may perform or on the individuals
8 whom a local veterans’ employment representative may as-
9 sist other than those specifically provided for in this chap-
10 ter.”.

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