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S. 5010

To establish the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 10, 2020

Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Servicemembers and
5 Veterans Initiative Act of 2020.”

6 **SEC. 2. SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the
8 Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil
9 Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

1 (b) DUTIES.—The Servicemembers and Veterans Ini-
2 tiative shall—

3 (1) serve as legal and policy advisor to the At-
4 torney General on the Department of Justice’s ef-
5 forts to enforce criminal and civil laws that impact
6 servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

7 (2) develop policy recommendations for the At-
8 torney General on how the Department of Justice
9 may improve enforcement of Federal law to support
10 servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

11 (3) serve as the liaison and point of contact be-
12 tween the Department of Justice and the military
13 departments;

14 (4) provide counsel to the Assistant Attorney
15 General for the Office of Justice Programs to ensure
16 funding decisions take into account servicemembers,
17 veterans, and their families;

18 (5) consult with components of the Department
19 of Justice to promote the provision of civil legal aid
20 to servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

21 (6) serve as a liaison and point of contact with
22 the Consumer Protection Branch of the Civil Divi-
23 sion of the Department of Justice, with respect to
24 the prosecution of Federal crimes involving fraud
25 that target servicemembers; and

1 (7) serve as a liaison and point of contact with
2 other components of the Department of Justice as
3 needed to support the enforcement of other Federal
4 laws that protect servicemembers and veterans, as
5 the Attorney General determines appropriate.

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