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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DELUZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Thomas M. Conway
5 Veterans Access to Resources in the Workplace Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISPLAY OF VETERANS BENEFITS NOTICE.**

2 (a) DISPLAY REQUIREMENT.—Each employer shall
3 post and keep posted, in conspicuous places on the prem-
4 ises of the employer where notices to employees and appli-
5 cants for employment are customarily posted, the notice
6 developed under subsection (b) for the State in which such
7 premises is located.

8 (b) NOTICE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—

10 (A) DEVELOPMENT; PUBLICATION.—

11 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270
12 days after the date of the enactment of
13 this Act, the Secretary of Labor (acting
14 through the Veterans' Employment and
15 Training Service), in coordination with the
16 Secretary of Veterans Affairs (in consulta-
17 tion with the Veterans Experience Office),
18 shall develop and publish a notice for each
19 State detailing benefits for veterans under
20 the laws administered by such Secretaries.

21 (ii) BENEFITS UNDER STATE LAW.—
22 The Secretary of Labor shall ensure that
23 each State is given a 45-day period to pro-
24 vide information on benefits for veterans
25 under State law to be included in the no-
26 tice for such State.

1 (B) REVIEW.—

2 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently
3 than twice each year, the Secretary of
4 Labor, in coordination with the Secretary
5 of Veterans Affairs, shall review, and up-
6 date as necessary, each notice developed
7 under this paragraph.

8 (ii) STATE UPDATES.—In carrying out
9 clause (i), the Secretary of Labor shall en-
10 sure that each State is given the oppor-
11 tunity to update the information included
12 in the notice for such State.

13 (2) CONTENTS.—Each notice developed under
14 paragraph (1) shall at a minimum include informa-
15 tion on the following:

16 (A) The Veterans Crisis Line.

17 (B) How to apply for the benefits de-
18 scribed in paragraph (1)(A).

19 (C) Information on benefits for veterans
20 under the law of the applicable State, if the
21 State provides such information as described in
22 paragraph (1).

23 (3) PUBLICATION; DESIGN.—Each notice devel-
24 oped under paragraph (1) shall be—

1 (A) made publicly available on the websites
2 of the Department of Labor and the Depart-
3 ment of Veterans Affairs; and

4 (B) designed to be published on an 8.5
5 inch by 11 inch sheet of paper.

6 (c) INFORMATION CAMPAIGN.—During the 180-day
7 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
8 the Secretary of Labor, in coordination with the Secretary
9 of Veterans Affairs, shall conduct an information cam-
10 paign to inform employers of—

11 (1) the notices developed under subsection (b);
12 and

13 (2) the requirement to display the notice under
14 subsection (a).

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

16 (1) EMPLOYEE; PERSON.—The terms “em-
17 ployee” and “person” have the meanings given those
18 terms in section 3 of the Fair Labor Standards Act
19 of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203).

20 (2) EMPLOYER.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “em-
22 ployer”—

23 (i) means any person engaged in com-
24 merce or in any industry or activity affect-
25 ing commerce who employs 50 or more em-

1 employees for each working day during each
2 of 20 or more calendar workweeks in the
3 current or preceding calendar year; and

4 (ii) includes—

5 (I) any person who acts, directly
6 or indirectly, in the interest of an em-
7 ployer to any of the employees of such
8 employer;

9 (II) any successor in interest of
10 an employer;

11 (III) any public agency (as de-
12 fined in section 3(x) of the Fair Labor
13 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.
14 203(x));

15 (IV) the Government Account-
16 ability Office; and

17 (V) the Library of Congress.

18 (B) PUBLIC AGENCY.—For purposes of
19 subparagraph (A)(ii)(III), a public agency shall
20 be considered to be a person engaged in com-
21 merce or in an industry or activity affecting
22 commerce.

23 (3) STATE.—The term “State” includes each of
24 the several States of the United States, the District
25 of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,

1 American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the
2 Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States
3 Virgin Islands.

4 (e) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as specified in para-
6 graph (2), the provisions of this Act shall take effect
7 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE FOR DISPLAY REQUIRE-
9 MENT.—Subsection (a) shall take effect on the date
10 that is one year after the date of the enactment of
11 this Act.