

Public Law 102-218
102d Congress

An Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs as the Chief Minority Affairs Officer of the Department.

Dec. 11, 1991
[H.R. 3327]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CHIEF MINORITY AFFAIRS OFFICER.

(a) CHIEF MINORITY AFFAIRS OFFICER.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 317. Chief Minority Affairs Officer

“(a) The Secretary shall designate one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Department as the Chief Minority Affairs Officer of the Department.

“(b) The Chief Minority Affairs Officer shall have the following duties:

“(1) To investigate and examine the policies, regulations, programs, and other activities of the Department as they affect minority group members who are veterans or receive benefits from the Department.

“(2) To assess the needs of minority group members who are veterans or who receive benefits from the Department as those needs relate to the activities of, and benefits provided by, the Department and to evaluate the manner and extent to which the activities of, and benefits provided, by the Department fulfill those needs.

“(3) To advise the Secretary regarding the effect on minority group members of policies, regulations, programs, and other activities of the Department and of methods to ensure that minority group members are afforded an opportunity to participate fully in the activities and benefits of the Department.

“(4) To carry out any additional functions and activities that the Secretary prescribes with regard to minority group members who are veterans or who receive benefits from the Department.

“(c) In this section, the term ‘minority group member’ means an individual who is—

“(1) Asian American;

“(2) Black;

“(3) Hispanic;

“(4) Native American (including American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian);

“(5) Pacific-Islander American; or

“(6) female.

“(d) Not less than every two years, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report containing a detailed description of any activities and policies of the Department relating to minority group

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members who are veterans or who receive benefits from the Department and the duties of the Chief Minority Affairs Officer, with respect to the previous two-year period.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“317. Chief Minority Affairs Officer.”.

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