On May 24, 2024, Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Josh Hawley (R-MO) introduced the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (S. 4356) in the Senate, renaming H.R. 257 as the Postal Service Personnel Act of 2024. The bill is designed to create more secure delivery practices.

“The reality is that our letter carriers are facing an increase in violence, and we need to ensure that the people who deliver our mail are not put in danger,” said Gillibrand. “Every single day, we hear about another letter carrier who is a victim of a violent crime, targeted armed robbery, or even murder.”

The bill would create a federal task force in the Department of Justice to study the issue and develop guidelines for increasing safety. It would also expand the authority of postal inspectors and provide additional resources for postal security.

Several deadlines are approaching for the 73rd Biennial National Convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

Delegates eligibility lists for the convention have been provided to every branch. The lists are completed and related to the office of Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Rhein at NALC Headquarters no later than June 5 for branch representatives to be registered as convention delegates.

All delegates are required to attend in person or by live stream. The convention will be held from July 6-9 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Accommodations for deaf or hard of hearing delegates: General session videos including sign language and floor access will be open-captioned so that deaf or hard of hearing delegate can sit with their delegates.

Accommodations for disabled attendees: All hotel options within walking distance due to a disability can swap themselves of the following accommodations in adherence with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If delegates with disabilities need special accommodations, they can contact the office of Membership Department, NALC, at 800-959-5422.

Parking Access: Parking for people with disabilities is available in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) South Parking Lot, located at the south end of the facility. The lot is linked to the facility via an accessible pedestrian pathway. Overnight parking is prohibited.

Shuttle: NALC will provide round-trip transportation between the BCEC hotels for hotels within the NALC block that are not within walking distance. A complete list will be available at a later date. Vehicles equipped with a wheelchair lift will make the journey as comfortable as possible. NALC will provide a return trip made directly by calling the operations manager on-site.

Contact Assistant to the President for Community Services Christina Vela via email at cvela@nalc.org or by phone at 800-959-5422.

Accommodation equipment rental: Electric mobility scooters and wheelchairs are available for rent from scooter.com. Information about rental can be obtained by calling 800-441-7575 or going to scootaround.com/en/nalc-73rd-biennial-national-convention.

Baseball tickets: NALC will not be hosting a baseball night during the convention. However, the Red Sox will be holding home games during the week of the convention. The Red Sox are making tickets available for convention delegates who are choosing to stay that evening. The ticket will be for seats in the same section and at a reduced rate. Delegate eligibility lists will be available at www.redsox.com/convention/eligible/conventioncma.html. The offer is good through June 12.

Veterans Group: The NALC Veterans Group will host a booth at the Boston convention. Starting May 26, the following link will be active to donate pop. veteransgroup@nalc.org.

The NALC Veterans Group will make donations to the National Veterans Services Foundation and support veterans through the New England Center and Home for Veterans. Contact Assistant to the President for Community Services Deek Groth at 202-662-4641 or dgroth@nalc.org with any questions.

Go to nalc.org/convention for more convention news.