

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 432

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an additional tool to prevent certain frauds against veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Preventing Crimes
5 Against Veterans Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL TOOL TO PREVENT CERTAIN FRAUDS**
7 **AGAINST VETERANS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 **“§ 1041. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any per-
3 son to knowingly engage in any scheme or artifice to de-
4 fraud—

5 “(1) an individual of veterans’ benefits; or

6 “(2) in connection with obtaining veteran’s ben-
7 efits for an individual.

8 “(b) PENALTIES.—Any person who violates sub-
9 section (a) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for
10 not more than 5 years, or both.

11 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

12 “(1) the term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given
13 that term in section 101 of title 38; and

14 “(2) the term ‘veterans’ benefits’ means any
15 benefit provided under Federal law for a veteran or
16 a dependent or survivor of a veteran.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
18 for chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
19 by adding at the end the following:

“1041. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

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