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# H. R. 1357

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Veterans Beneficiary  
5       Fraud Enforcement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF**  
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS EMPLOYEES AS BENE-**  
3 **FICIARIES OF INSURED'S VETERANS' GROUP**  
4 **LIFE INSURANCE.**

5 (a) LIMITATION ON DESIGNATION OF BENE-  
6 FICIARIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section  
8 1977 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

9 (A) by striking “Any amount” and insert-  
10 ing “(1) Any amount”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) An insured under Veterans’ Group Life Insur-  
14 ance may not designate as a beneficiary for such insurance  
15 any employee of the Department who is in a position of  
16 trust with the insured, as determined by the Secretary,  
17 including any doctor, caregiver, or caseworker working di-  
18 rectly with the insured, unless such employee is the  
19 spouse, child, parent, or other next of kin of the insured.”.

20 (2) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (2) of sub-  
21 section (d) of section 1977 of title 38, United States  
22 Code, shall apply with respect to Veterans’ Group  
23 Life Insurance issued on or after the date of the en-  
24 actment of this Act.

1 (b) REPORTING OF SUSPECTED BENEFICIARY

2 FRAUD.—Such section is further amended by adding at

3 the end the following new subsection:

4 “(i) The Secretary shall refer to an appropriate legal

5 authority any incident of suspected or alleged fraud relat-

6 ing to the designation of any beneficiary under any Vet-

7 erans’ Group Life Insurance.”.

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