

## Union Calendar No. 499

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6452

**[Report No. 118-599]**

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mr. BOST, Mr. COLE, and Mr. WITTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 18, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. MANN, and Mr. FEENSTRA

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 17, 2023]

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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 Scam and*  
5 *Fraud Evasion Act of 2024” or the “VSAFE Act of 2024”.*

6 **SEC. 2. VETERANS SCAM AND FRAUD EVASION OFFICER.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United States*  
8 *Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new*  
9 *section:*

10 **“§ 325. Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer**

11 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department a*  
12 *Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, who shall be*  
13 *responsible for fraud and scam prevention, reporting, and*  
14 *incident response plans at the Department.*

15 *“(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Veterans Scam and*  
16 *Fraud Evasion Officer shall carry out the following respon-*  
17 *sibilities:*

18 *“(1) Providing comprehensive communication*  
19 *from the Department to Department employees and*  
20 *veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors dur-*  
21 *ing strategic and time-sensitive fraud and scam inci-*  
22 *dents.*

23 *“(2) Establishing consistent guidance across the*  
24 *enterprise for employees as well as veterans, their*

1 *families, caregivers, and survivors on how to identify,*  
2 *report, and avoid fraud and scam attempts.*

3 *“(3) Promoting the Veteran Identity Health*  
4 *Theft Helpline of the Department (and any successor*  
5 *resource) and identifying other identity theft re-*  
6 *sources available to veterans, their families, care-*  
7 *givers, and survivors, including with respect to ac-*  
8 *tions made by the Secretary to protect the identities*  
9 *of veterans and their beneficiaries.*

10 *“(4) Developing methods to monitor fraud and*  
11 *scam metrics within the Department to—*

12 *“(A) provide internal and external report-*  
13 *ing;*

14 *“(B) enable advanced data analytics; and*

15 *“(C) facilitate proactive and robust fraud*  
16 *and scam trend identification.*

17 *“(5) Developing comprehensive training plans*  
18 *for Department employees fielding fraud and scam*  
19 *inquiries and reports.*

20 *“(6) Coordinating with the Inspector General of*  
21 *the Department and other Federal departments and*  
22 *agencies, including the Executive Office of the Presi-*  
23 *dent, the Office of Management and Budget, the Inter-*  
24 *nal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice, the*  
25 *Department of State, the Consumer Financial Protec-*

1        *tion Bureau, the Department of Defense, the Depart-*  
2        *ment of Education, the Social Security Administra-*  
3        *tion, and other relevant agencies to—*

4                *“(A) create a whole-of-Government view*  
5                *within the Department with respect to the fraud*  
6                *prevention efforts at other Federal departments*  
7                *and agencies;*

8                *“(B) identify the proper avenues for vet-*  
9                *erans to report fraud attempts and receive assist-*  
10                *ance; and*

11                *“(C) identify opportunities for coordination*  
12                *with such departments and agencies.*

13                *“(7) Consulting with veterans service organiza-*  
14                *tions and State, local, and tribal governments, as nec-*  
15                *essary, to improve the understanding of fraud and*  
16                *scam risks within the Department.*

17                *“(c) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.—Nothing in this section*  
18                *authorizes an increase in the number of full-time employees*  
19                *otherwise authorized for the Department.*

20                *“(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-*  
21                *tion shall be construed to limit the authority of the Office*  
22                *of Inspector General of the Department as otherwise pro-*  
23                *vided in this title or in chapter 4 of title 5 (commonly re-*  
24                *ferred to as the Inspector General Act of 1978).”.*

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

*“325. Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer.”.*

4 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOUSING LOAN FEES.**

5           *The loan fee table in section 3729(b)(2) of title 38,*  
6 *United States Code, is amended by striking “November 15,*  
7 *2031” each place it appears and inserting “November 29,*  
8 *2031”.*



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