

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3357

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

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

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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 “Preventing Crimes  
5       Against Veterans Act of 2016”.

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) Whoever knowingly engages in any scheme or  
3 artifice to defraud an individual of veterans’ benefits, or  
4 in connection with obtaining veteran’s benefits for that in-  
5 dividual, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not  
6 more than 5 years, or both.

7       “(b) In this section—

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

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

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

“1041. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

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