

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

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

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

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.”.