

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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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 2021”.

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.”.