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S. 2501

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 Scam And
5 Fraud Evasion Act of 2025” or the “VSAFE Act of
6 2025”.

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

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new section:

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

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department
7 a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, who shall—

8 “(1) be responsible for fraud and scam preven-
9 tion, reporting, and incident response plans at the
10 Department; and

11 “(2) serve as a central point of contact to direct
12 veterans to resources to prevent and mitigate fraud
13 and scams.

14 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Veterans Scam and
15 Fraud Evasion Officer shall carry out the following re-
16 sponsibilities:

17 “(1) Providing comprehensive communication
18 from the Secretary to employees of the Department
19 and veterans, their families, caregivers, and sur-
20 vivors during strategic and time-sensitive fraud and
21 scam incidents.

22 “(2) Establishing consistent guidance across
23 the enterprise for employees as well as veterans,
24 their families, caregivers, and survivors on how to
25 identify, report, and avoid fraud and scam attempts.

1 “(3) Promoting the VSAFE Fraud Hotline and
2 VSAFE.gov website of the Department (and any
3 successor resources) and identifying other identity
4 theft resources available to veterans, their families,
5 caregivers, and survivors, including with respect to
6 actions made by the Secretary to protect the identi-
7 ties of veterans and their beneficiaries.

8 “(4) Developing methods to monitor fraud and
9 scam metrics within the Department—

10 “(A) to provide internal and external re-
11 porting;

12 “(B) to enable advanced data analytics;
13 and

14 “(C) to facilitate proactive and robust
15 fraud and scam trend identification.

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

19 “(6) Coordinating with the Inspector General of
20 the Department and other Federal departments and
21 agencies, including the Executive Office of the Presi-
22 dent, the Office of Management and Budget, the In-
23 ternal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice,
24 the Department of State, the Consumer Financial
25 Protection Bureau, the Department of Defense, the

1 Department of Education, the Social Security Ad-
2 ministration, and other relevant agencies—

3 “(A) to develop a whole-of-government
4 view within the Department to improve fraud
5 prevention efforts within the Department;

6 “(B) to identify the proper avenues for vet-
7 erans to report fraud attempts and receive as-
8 sistance; and

9 “(C) to identify opportunities for coordina-
10 tion with such departments and agencies.

11 “(7) Consulting with veterans service organiza-
12 tions and State, local, and tribal governments, as
13 necessary, to improve understanding of potential
14 fraud and scam risks to veterans.

15 “(c) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.—Nothing in this sec-
16 tion shall be construed to authorize an increase in the
17 number of full-time employees otherwise authorized for
18 the Department.

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

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

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

4 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**
5 **PENSION.**

6 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and insert-
8 ing “January 30, 2032”.

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