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# S. 3000

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify and report instances of disability benefit questionnaire fraud, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Fraud Reduction And  
5 Uncovering Deception in Department of Veterans Affairs  
6 Disability Exams Act of 2025” or the “FRAUD in VA  
7 Disability Exams Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF VETERANS**  
2 **DISABILITY BENEFIT QUESTIONNAIRE**  
3 **FRAUD.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
5 shall—

6 (1) carry out actions to identify fraudulent ac-  
7 tivity relating to the submittal of disability benefit  
8 questionnaire data to the Secretary, without regard  
9 to the origin of the questionnaires; and

10 (2) transmit to appropriate investigatory bodies,  
11 including the Office of the Inspector General of the  
12 Department of Veterans Affairs, reports of sus-  
13 pected activity identified pursuant to paragraph (1).

14 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Actions carried out pursuant  
15 to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) shall include the fol-  
16 lowing:

17 (1) Establishment of a process for claim proc-  
18 essors of the Department to identify instances of  
19 disability benefit questionnaire fraud and to trans-  
20 mit reports of suspected fraud as described in para-  
21 graph (2) of such subsection.

22 (2) Establishment of a recurring audit of dis-  
23 ability benefit questionnaires submitted to the Sec-  
24 retary, without regard to the origin of the question-  
25 naires.

1           (3) Informing individuals who have applied for,  
2           or submitted a claim for, a benefit under a law ad-  
3           ministered by the Secretary when their disability  
4           benefit questionnaires have raised suspicion of fraud.

5           (c) AUTHORITY OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—The Inspector  
7 General of the Department of Veterans Affairs may use  
8 any authority applicable to an inspector general of the  
9 Federal Government not otherwise available to the Inspec-  
10 tor General that the Inspector General considers necessary  
11 to investigate suspected activity identified pursuant to  
12 subsection (a)(1).

13          (d) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not reopen or  
14 change a decision of the Department regarding an applica-  
15 tion from an individual for, or claim of the individual for,  
16 a benefit under a law administered by the Secretary pur-  
17 suant to an investigation carried out under subsection (c),  
18 except in a case in which, pursuant to such investigation,  
19 the individual has been convicted by a court of competent  
20 jurisdiction of fraud.

21          (e) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not less fre-  
22 quently than once each year, the Secretary shall submit  
23 to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and  
24 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-

1 representatives a report on the administration of subsections

2 (a) and (b).

