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2D SESSION

S. 3372

To amend section 704 of title 18, United States Code.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2012

Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Military Service Integ-
5 rity Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. MILITARY MEDALS OR DECORATIONS.**

7 Section 704 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **“§ 704. Military medals or decorations**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever knowingly purchases,
11 attempts to purchase, solicits for purchase, mails, ships,
12 imports, exports, produces blank certificates of receipt for,

1 manufactures, sells, attempts to sell, advertises for sale,
2 trades, barter, or exchanges for anything of value any
3 decoration or medal authorized by Congress for the Armed
4 Forces of the United States, or any of the service medals
5 or badges awarded to the members of such forces, or the
6 ribbon, button, or rosette of any such badge, decoration,
7 or medal, or any colorable imitation thereof, except when
8 authorized under regulations made pursuant to law, shall
9 be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than
10 6 months, or both.

11 “(b) FALSE CLAIMS TO THE RECEIPT OF MILITARY
12 DECORATIONS, MEDALS, OR RIBBONS IN ORDER TO SE-
13 CURE A TANGIBLE BENEFIT OR PERSONAL GAIN.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, with the intent of
15 securing a tangible benefit or personal gain, know-
16 ingly, falsely, and materially represents himself or
17 herself through any written or oral communication
18 (including a resume) to have served in the Armed
19 Forces of the United States or to have been awarded
20 any decoration, medal, ribbon, or other device au-
21 thorized by Congress or pursuant to Federal law for
22 the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be
23 fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than
24 6 months, or both.

1 “(2) TANGIBLE BENEFIT OR PERSONAL GAIN.—

2 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘tangible
3 benefit or personal gain’ includes—

4 “(A) a benefit relating to military service
5 provided by the Federal Government or a State
6 or local government;

7 “(B) employment or professional advance-
8 ment;

9 “(C) financial remuneration;

10 “(D) an effect on the outcome of a crimi-
11 nal or civil court proceeding; and

12 “(E) an impact on one’s personal credi-
13 bility in a political campaign.”.

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