

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 506

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2018

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an additional tool to prevent certain frauds against veterans, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Crimes  
3 Against Veterans Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL TOOL TO PREVENT CERTAIN FRAUDS**  
5 **AGAINST VETERANS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 18, United  
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

10 “(a) Whoever knowingly executes, or attempts to exe-  
11 cute, any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of  
12 veterans’ benefits, or in connection with obtaining vet-  
13 eran’s benefits for that individual, shall be fined under this  
14 title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

15 “(b) In this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given  
17 that term in section 101 of title 38; and

18 “(2) the term ‘veterans’ benefits’ means any  
19 benefit provided by Federal law for a veteran or a  
20 dependent or survivor of a veteran.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
22 at the beginning of chapter 63 of title 18, United States

- 1 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 2 item:

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 14,  
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*