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H. R. 592

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2019

Ms. BROWNLEY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 "Protect Veterans from
5 Financial Fraud Act of 2019".

1 **SEC. 2. REPAYMENT OF MISUSED BENEFITS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6107(b) of title 38,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “In any case
5 in which a fiduciary described in paragraph (2)” and
6 inserting “In any case not covered by subsection (a)
7 in which a fiduciary”;

8 (2) by striking paragraph (2); and

9 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
10 graph (2).

11 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by sub-
12 section (a) shall apply with respect to the misuse of bene-
13 fits by a fiduciary occurring on or after the date of the
14 enactment of this Act.

15 **SEC. 3. APPEALS FOR DETERMINATIONS OF MENTAL CA-**
16 **PACITY.**

17 Section 5501A of title 38, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 section:

23 “(b) APPEALS.—A determination under subsection
24 (a) may be appealed in accordance with chapters 71 and
25 72 of this title.”.