

Union Calendar No. 552

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4190

[Report No. 118–655]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2023

Mr. TRONE (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. MURPHY, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. BUDZINSKI

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 15, 2023]

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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 “Restoring Benefits to*
 5 *Defrauded Veterans Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. REISSUANCE BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
 7 **FAIRS OF ESTATES OF DECEASED BENE-**
 8 **FICIARIES FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS PAID BY**
 9 **THE SECRETARY AND MISUSED BY FIDU-**
 10 **CIARIES.**

11 *Section 6107 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-*
 12 *ed—*

13 *(1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as*
 14 *subsections (d) and (e), respectively;*

15 *(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following*
 16 *new subsection (c):*

17 *“(c) REISSUANCE OF AMOUNTS IN THE CASE OF A DE-*
 18 *CEASED BENEFICIARY.—(1) If a beneficiary described in*
 19 *subsection (a) predeceases a payment under subsection (a)*
 20 *or (b), the Secretary shall pay such benefits, subject to para-*
 21 *graph (2), to an individual or entity in accordance with*
 22 *section 5121 of this title.*

23 *“(2) The Secretary may not make a payment under*
 24 *this subsection to a fiduciary who misused benefits of the*
 25 *beneficiary.”; and*

1 *(3) in subsection (e), as redesignated, by strik-*
2 *ing “subsection (a) or (b)” and inserting “this sec-*
3 *tion”.*

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