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S. 296

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) 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 “Preventing Crimes
5 Against Veterans Act of 2023”.

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

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

6 **“§ 1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

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

12 “(b) In this section—

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

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

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 19 for chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
 20 by adding at the end the following:

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

