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H. R. 327

To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for fraudulent misrepresentation about the receipt of a military decoration or medal, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. McCORMICK, Mr. VALADAO, and Mrs. LUNA) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Valor Earned Not Sto-
5 len Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION ABOUT RE-**
2 **CEIPT OF A MILITARY MEDAL OR DECORA-**
3 **TION.**

4 (a) INCREASED PENALTY.—

5 (1) MILITARY DECORATIONS OR MEDALS.—Sec-
6 tion 704(b) of title 18, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking “one year” and inserting “three
8 years”.

9 (2) CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR.—Sec-
10 tion 704(c)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
11 amended by striking “1 year” and inserting “three
12 years”.

13 (3) COMBAT BADGE.—Section 704(d)(1) of title
14 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “1
15 year” and inserting “three years”.

16 (b) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in co-
18 ordination with the Inspector General of the Department
19 of Veterans Affairs and such other agency head as may
20 be relevant, shall conduct a study to identify any monetary
21 or government benefits obtained through a fraudulent mis-
22 representation about the receipt of a military decoration
23 or medal as described by section 704(c)(2) or 704(d) of
24 title 18, United States Code.

25 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
26 of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall

- 1 report to Congress on the findings of the study conducted
- 2 under subsection (b) and policy recommendations to re-
- 3 solve issues identified in the study.

