

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1179

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Ms. SCANLON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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”.

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

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

1 **“§ 1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

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

7       “(b) In this section—

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

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

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

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

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