

One Hundred Eighteenth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the third day of January, two thousand and twenty-four*

An Act

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.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Restoring Benefits to Defrauded Veterans Act”.

**SEC. 2. REISSUANCE BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF
ESTATES OF DECEASED BENEFICIARIES FOR CERTAIN BENE-
FITS PAID BY THE SECRETARY AND MISUSED BY FIDU-
CIARIES.**

Section 6107 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

“(c) REISSUANCE OF AMOUNTS IN THE CASE OF A DECEASED BENEFICIARY.—(1) If a beneficiary described in subsection (a) predeceases a payment under subsection (a) or (b), the Secretary shall pay such benefits, subject to paragraph (2), to an individual or entity in accordance with section 5121 of this title.

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

(3) in subsection (e), as redesignated, by striking “subsection (a) or (b)” and inserting “this section”.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*