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H. R. 5946

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

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. MCKINLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 2021”.

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 Secretary of Veterans
18 Affairs shall conduct a study to identify any monetary or
19 government benefits obtained through a fraudulent mis-
20 representation about the receipt of a military decoration
21 or medal as described by section 704(c)(2) or 704(d) of
22 title 18, United States Code.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
25 Affairs shall report to Congress on the findings of the

- 1 study conducted under subsection (b) and policy rec-
- 2 ommendations to resolve issues identified in the study.

