

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 983

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) 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 “Preventing Crimes
5 Against Veterans Act of 2021”.

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 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 at the beginning of chapter 63 of title 18, United States
15 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
16 item:

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

