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[Report No. 119-_____]]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

_____ (legislative day, _____), _____

Reported by Mr. MORAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Scam And
3 Fraud Evasion Act of 2026” or the “VSAFE Act of
4 2026”.

5 **SEC. 2. VETERANS SCAM AND FRAUD EVASION OFFICER.**

6 (a) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Chapter 3 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new section:

9 **“§ 325. Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer**

10 ~~“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.~~—There is in the Department
11 a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, who shall—

12 ~~“(1) be responsible for fraud and scam preven-~~
13 ~~tion, reporting, and incident response plans at the~~
14 ~~Department; and~~

15 ~~“(2) serve as a central point of contact to direct~~
16 ~~veterans to resources to prevent and mitigate fraud~~
17 ~~and scams.~~

18 ~~“(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.~~—The Veterans Scam and
19 Fraud Evasion Officer shall carry out the following re-
20 sponsibilities:

21 ~~“(1) Providing comprehensive communication~~
22 ~~from the Secretary to employees of the Department~~
23 ~~and veterans, their families, caregivers, and sur-~~
24 ~~vivors during strategic and time-sensitive fraud and~~
25 ~~scam incidents.~~

1 “(2) Establishing consistent guidance across
2 the enterprise for employees as well as veterans,
3 their families, caregivers, and survivors on how to
4 identify, report, and avoid fraud and scam attempts.

5 “(3) Promoting the VSAFE Fraud Hotline and
6 VSAFE.gov website of the Department (and any
7 successor resources) and identifying other identity
8 theft resources available to veterans, their families,
9 caregivers, and survivors, including with respect to
10 actions made by the Secretary to protect the identi-
11 ties of veterans and their beneficiaries.

12 “(4) Developing methods to monitor fraud and
13 scam metrics within the Department to—

14 “(A) provide internal and external report-
15 ing;

16 “(B) enable advanced data analytics; and

17 “(C) facilitate proactive and robust fraud
18 and scam trend identification.

19 “(5) Developing comprehensive training plans
20 for Department employees fielding fraud and scam
21 inquiries and reports.

22 “(6) Coordinating with the Inspector General of
23 the Department and other Federal departments and
24 agencies, including the Executive Office of the Presi-
25 dent, the Office of Management and Budget, the In-

1 ternal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice,
2 the Department of State, the Consumer Financial
3 Protection Bureau, the Department of Defense, the
4 Department of Education, the Social Security Ad-
5 ministration, and other relevant agencies to—

6 ~~“(A) develop a whole-of-government view~~
7 ~~within the Department to improve fraud pre-~~
8 ~~vention efforts within the Department;~~

9 ~~“(B) identify the proper avenues for vet-~~
10 ~~erans to report fraud attempts and receive as-~~
11 ~~sistance; and~~

12 ~~“(C) identify opportunities for coordination~~
13 ~~with such departments and agencies.~~

14 ~~“(7) Consulting with veterans service organiza-~~
15 ~~tions and State, local, and tribal governments, as~~
16 ~~necessary, to improve understanding of potential~~
17 ~~fraud and scam risks to veterans.~~

18 ~~“(e) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.—Nothing in this sec-~~
19 ~~tion authorizes an increase in the number of full-time em-~~
20 ~~ployees otherwise authorized for the Department.~~

21 ~~“(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-~~
22 ~~tion shall be construed to limit the authority of the Office~~
23 ~~of Inspector General of the Department as otherwise pro-~~
24 ~~vided in this title or in chapter 4 of title 5 (commonly~~
25 ~~referred to as the Inspector General Act of 1978).”.~~

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
3 at the end the following new item:

“325. Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer.”.

4 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**
5 **PENSION.**

6 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and insert-
8 ing “January 30, 2032”.

9 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

10 *This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Scam And*
11 *Fraud Evasion Act of 2026” or the “VSAFE Act of 2026”.*

12 **SEC. 2. VETERANS SCAM AND FRAUD EVASION OFFICER.**

13 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 3 of title 38, United States
14 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
15 section:

16 **“§ 326. Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer**

17 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.*—*There is in the Veterans Ex-*
18 *perience Office of the Department a Veterans Scam and*
19 *Fraud Evasion Officer, who shall—*

20 *“(1) be responsible for fraud and scam preven-*
21 *tion, reporting, and incident response plans at the*
22 *Department; and*

23 *“(2) serve as a central point of contact to direct*
24 *veterans to resources to prevent and mitigate fraud*
25 *and scams.*

1 “(b) *RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Veterans Scam and*
2 *Fraud Evasion Officer shall carry out the following respon-*
3 *sibilities:*

4 “(1) *Providing comprehensive communication*
5 *from the Secretary to employees of the Department*
6 *and veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors*
7 *during strategic and time-sensitive fraud and scam*
8 *incidents.*

9 “(2) *Establishing consistent guidance across the*
10 *enterprise for employees as well as veterans, their*
11 *families, caregivers, and survivors on how to identify,*
12 *report, and avoid fraud and scam attempts.*

13 “(3) *Promoting the VSAFE Fraud Hotline and*
14 *VSAFE.gov website of the Department (and any suc-*
15 *cessor resources) and identifying other identity theft*
16 *resources available to veterans, their families, care-*
17 *givers, and survivors, including with respect to ac-*
18 *tions made by the Secretary to protect the identities*
19 *of veterans and their beneficiaries.*

20 “(4) *Developing methods to monitor fraud and*
21 *scam metrics within the Department to—*

22 “(A) *provide internal and external report-*
23 *ing;*

24 “(B) *enable advanced data analytics; and*

1 “(C) facilitate proactive and robust fraud
2 and scam trend identification.

3 “(5) Developing comprehensive training plans
4 for Department employees fielding fraud and scam
5 inquiries and reports.

6 “(6) Coordinating with the Inspector General of
7 the Department and other Federal departments and
8 agencies, including the Executive Office of the Presi-
9 dent, the Office of Management and Budget, the Inter-
10 nal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice, the
11 Department of State, the Consumer Financial Protec-
12 tion Bureau, the Department of Defense, the Depart-
13 ment of Education, the Social Security Administra-
14 tion, and other relevant agencies to—

15 “(A) develop a whole-of-government view
16 within the Department to improve fraud preven-
17 tion efforts within the Department;

18 “(B) identify the proper avenues for vet-
19 erans to report fraud attempts and receive assist-
20 ance; and

21 “(C) identify opportunities for coordination
22 with such departments and agencies.

23 “(7) Consulting with veterans service organiza-
24 tions and State, local, and tribal governments, as nec-

1 *essary, to improve understanding of potential fraud*
2 *and scam risks to veterans.*

3 “(c) *FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.*—*Nothing in this section*
4 *authorizes an increase in the number of full-time employees*
5 *otherwise authorized for the Department.*

6 “(d) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this sec-*
7 *tion shall be construed to limit the authority of the Office*
8 *of Inspector General of the Department as otherwise pro-*
9 *vided in this title or in chapter 4 of title 5 (commonly re-*
10 *ferred to as the Inspector General Act of 1978).*

11 “(e) *SUNSET.*—*The requirements and authorities of*
12 *this section shall terminate on September 30, 2030.”.*

13 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sections at*
14 *the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the*
15 *end the following new item:*

 “326. *Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer.*”.