

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 506

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH) 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 2017”.

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

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United  
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing:

1 **“§ 1041. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

2       “(a) Whoever knowingly engages in any scheme or  
3 artifice to defraud an individual of veterans’ benefits, or  
4 in connection with obtaining veteran’s benefits for that in-  
5 dividual, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not  
6 more than five 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 47 of title 18, United States  
15 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
16 item:

“1041. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

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