

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 4676, with an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4676

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2016

Mr. ROONEY of Florida (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH) 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 2016”.

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

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

6 **“§ 1041. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

7 “(a) Whoever knowingly engages in any scheme or
8 artifice to defraud an individual of veterans’ benefits, or
9 in connection with obtaining veteran’s benefits for that in-
10 dividual, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not
11 more than five years, or both.

12 “(b) In this section—

13 “(1) the term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given
14 that term in section 101 of title 38; and

15 “(2) the term ‘veterans’ benefits’ means any
16 benefit provided by Federal law for a veteran or a
17 dependent or survivor of a veteran.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
19 at the beginning of chapter 47 of title 18, United States
20 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
21 item:

“1041. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.