

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5215

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prohibit employees found to have knowingly misused Department of Veterans Affairs purchase cards from serving as purchase card holders or approving officials.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. BOST, and Mr. DUNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans Affairs Pur-
5 chase Card Misuse Mitigation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MISUSE OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
2 **PURCHASE CARDS BY DEPARTMENT EMPLOY-**
3 **EES.**

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

7 **“§ 727. Misuse of Department purchase cards**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prohibit any
9 employee of the Department who the Secretary or the In-
10 spector General of the Department determines has know-
11 ingly misused a purchase card from serving as a purchase
12 card holder or approving official. Such a prohibition shall
13 be in addition to any other applicable penalty.

14 “(b) MISUSE.—For purposes of this section, the term
15 ‘misuse’ means—

16 “(1) splitting purchases;

17 “(2) exceeding applicable purchase card limits
18 or purchase thresholds;

19 “(3) purchasing any unauthorized item;

20 “(4) using a purchase card without being an
21 authorized purchase card holder; or

22 “(5) violating ethics standards.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting

- 1 after the item relating to section 725 the following new
- 2 item:

“727. Misuse of Department purchase cards.”.

