

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

TO H.R. 6452

OFFERED BY Mr. Bost

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Scam and
3 Fraud Evasion Act of 2024” or the “VSAFE Act of
4 2024”.

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 be responsible for fraud and scam prevention, reporting,
13 and incident response plans at the Department.

14 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Veterans Scam and
15 Fraud Evasion Officer shall carry out the following re-
16 sponsibilities:

17 “(1) Providing comprehensive communication
18 from the Department to Department employees and

1 veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors
2 during strategic and time-sensitive fraud and scam
3 incidents.

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

8 “(3) Promoting the Veteran Identity Health
9 Theft Helpline of the Department (and any suc-
10 cessor resource) and identifying other identity theft
11 resources available to veterans, their families, care-
12 givers, and survivors, including with respect to ac-
13 tions made by the Secretary to protect the identities
14 of veterans and their beneficiaries.

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

17 “(A) provide internal and external report-
18 ing;

19 “(B) enable advanced data analytics; and

20 “(C) facilitate proactive and robust fraud
21 and scam trend identification.

22 “(5) Developing comprehensive training plans
23 for Department employees fielding fraud and scam
24 inquiries and reports.

1 “(6) Coordinating with the Inspector General of
2 the Department and other Federal departments and
3 agencies, including the Executive Office of the Presi-
4 dent, the Office of Management and Budget, the In-
5 ternal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice,
6 the Department of State, the Consumer Financial
7 Protection Bureau, the Department of Defense, the
8 Department of Education, the Social Security Ad-
9 ministration, and other relevant agencies to—

10 “(A) create a whole-of-Government view
11 within the Department with respect to the
12 fraud prevention efforts at other Federal de-
13 partments and agencies;

14 “(B) identify the proper avenues for vet-
15 erans to report fraud attempts and receive as-
16 sistance; and

17 “(C) identify opportunities for coordination
18 with such departments and agencies.

19 “(7) Consulting with veterans service organiza-
20 tions and State, local, and tribal governments, as
21 necessary, to improve the understanding of fraud
22 and scam risks within the Department.

23 “(c) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion authorizes an increase in the number of full-time em-
25 ployees otherwise authorized for the Department.

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

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

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

9 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOUSING LOAN FEES.**

10 The loan fee table in section 3729(b)(2) of title 38,
11 United States Code, is amended by striking “November
12 15, 2031” each place it appears and inserting “November
13 29, 2031”.

