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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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 Scam and
5 Fraud Evasion Act of 2024” or the “VSAFE Act of
6 2024”.

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

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

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

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department
7 a Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Officer, who shall
8 be responsible for fraud and scam prevention, reporting,
9 and incident response plans at the Department.

10 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Veterans Scam and
11 Fraud Evasion Officer shall carry out the following re-
12 sponsibilities:

13 “(1) Providing comprehensive communication
14 from the Department to Department employees and
15 veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors
16 during strategic and time-sensitive fraud and scam
17 incidents.

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

22 “(3) Promoting the Veteran Identity Health
23 Theft Helpline of the Department (and any suc-
24 cessor resource) and identifying other identity theft
25 resources available to veterans, their families, care-
26 givers, and survivors, including with respect to ac-

1 tions made by the Secretary to protect the identities
2 of veterans and their beneficiaries.

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

5 “(A) provide internal and external report-
6 ing;

7 “(B) enable advanced data analytics; and

8 “(C) facilitate proactive and robust fraud
9 and scam trend identification.

10 “(5) Developing comprehensive training plans
11 for Department employees fielding fraud and scam
12 inquiries and reports.

13 “(6) Coordinating with the Inspector General of
14 the Department and other Federal departments and
15 agencies, including the Executive Office of the Presi-
16 dent, the Office of Management and Budget, the In-
17 ternal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice,
18 the Department of State, the Consumer Financial
19 Protection Bureau, the Department of Defense, the
20 Department of Education, the Social Security Ad-
21 ministration, and other relevant agencies to—

22 “(A) create a whole-of-Government view
23 within the Department with respect to the
24 fraud prevention efforts at other Federal de-
25 partments and agencies;

1 “(B) identify the proper avenues for vet-
2 erans to report fraud attempts and receive as-
3 sistance; and

4 “(C) identify opportunities for coordination
5 with such departments and agencies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 The loan fee table in section 3729(b)(2) of title 38,
23 United States Code, is amended by striking “November
24 15, 2031” each place it appears and inserting “November
25 29, 2031”.