

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1663
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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 2025” or the “VSAFE Act of
4 2025”.

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 “(1) be responsible for fraud and scam preven-
13 tion, reporting, and incident response plans at the
14 Department; and

15 “(2) serve as a central point of contact to direct
16 veterans to resources to prevent and mitigate fraud
17 and scams.

1 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Veterans Scam and
2 Fraud Evasion Officer shall carry out the following re-
3 sponsibilities:

4 “(1) Providing comprehensive communication
5 from the Secretary to employees of the Department
6 and veterans, their families, caregivers, and sur-
7 vivors during strategic and time-sensitive fraud and
8 scam incidents.

9 “(2) Establishing consistent guidance across
10 the enterprise for employees as well as veterans,
11 their families, caregivers, and survivors on how to
12 identify, report, and avoid fraud and scam attempts.

13 “(3) Promoting the VSAFE Fraud Hotline and
14 VSAFE.gov website of the Department (and any
15 successor resources) and identifying other identity
16 theft resources available to veterans, their families,
17 caregivers, and survivors, including with respect to
18 actions made by the Secretary to protect the identi-
19 ties of veterans and their beneficiaries.

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

22 “(A) provide internal and external report-
23 ing;

24 “(B) enable advanced data analytics; and

1 “(C) facilitate proactive and robust fraud
2 and scam trend identification.

3 “(5) Developing comprehensive training plans
4 for Department employees fielding fraud and scam
5 inquiries and reports.

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

15 “(A) develop a whole-of-Government view
16 within the Department to improve fraud pre-
17 vention efforts within the Department;

18 “(B) identify the proper avenues for vet-
19 erans to report fraud attempts and receive as-
20 sistance; and

21 “(C) identify opportunities for coordination
22 with such departments and agencies.

23 “(7) Consulting with veterans service organiza-
24 tions and State, local, and tribal governments, as

1 necessary, to improve understanding of potential
2 fraud and scam risks to veterans.

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

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

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

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

14 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**
15 **PENSION.**

16 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
17 is amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and insert-
18 ing “January 30, 2032”.

