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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

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. BOST, Mr. COLE, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mr. CISCOMANI) 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 Scam And
5 Fraud Evasion Act of 2025” or the “VSAFE Act of
6 2025”.

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-

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

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

“(A) provide internal and external reporting;

“(B) enable advanced data analytics; and

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

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

“(6) Coordinating with the Inspector General of the Department and other Federal departments and agencies, including the Executive Office of the President, the Office of Management and Budget, the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice, the Department of State, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Department of Defense, the Department of Education, the Social Security Administration, and other relevant agencies to—

“(A) create a whole-of-Government view within the Department with respect to the fraud prevention efforts at other Federal departments 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 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
 22 **FAIRS HOME LOAN FEES.**

23 The loan fee table in section 3729(b)(2) of title 38,
 24 United States Code, is amended by striking “June 9,

1 2034” each place it appears and inserting “June 23,
2 2034”.

