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H. R. 506

[Report No. 115-]

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an additional tool to prevent certain frauds against veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2017

Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JANUARY --, 2018

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 12, 2017]

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 “Preventing Crimes*
5 *Against Veterans Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL TOOL TO PREVENT CERTAIN FRAUDS**
7 **AGAINST VETERANS.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 18, United*
9 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*
10 **“§ 1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

11 *“(a) Whoever knowingly executes, or attempts to exe-*
12 *cute, any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of vet-*
13 *erans’ benefits, or in connection with obtaining veteran’s*
14 *benefits for that individual, shall be fined under this title,*
15 *imprisoned not more than five years, or both.*

16 *“(b) In this section—*

17 *“(1) the term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given*
18 *that term in section 101 of title 38; and*

19 *“(2) the term ‘veterans’ benefits’ means any ben-*
20 *efit provided by Federal law for a veteran or a de-*
21 *pendent or survivor of a veteran.”.*

22 *(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at*
23 *the beginning of chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code,*
24 *is amended by adding at the end the following new item:*

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.