

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 983, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 983

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 2021”.

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

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 18, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

7 “(a) Whoever knowingly executes, or attempts to exe-  
8 cute, any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of  
9 veterans’ benefits, or in connection with obtaining vet-  
10 eran’s benefits for that individual, shall be fined under this  
11 title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

12 “(b) In this section—

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

15 “(2) the term ‘veterans’ benefits’ means any  
16 benefit provided by Federal law for a veteran or a  
17 dependent or survivor of a veteran.”.

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

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

22 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

23 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
24 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
25 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement

1 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
2 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
3 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
4 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
5 vote on passage.