

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1663, With an Amendment**

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

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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## **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

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# **A BILL**

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.

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 **“§ 326. 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 (1) be responsible for fraud and scam preven-  
9 tion, reporting, and incident response plans at the  
10 Department; and

11 (2) serve as a central point of contact to direct  
12 veterans to resources to prevent and mitigate fraud  
13 and scams.

14 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Veterans Scam and  
15 Fraud Evasion Officer shall carry out the following re-  
16 sponsibilities:

17 (1) Providing comprehensive communication  
18 from the Secretary to employees of the Department  
19 and veterans, their families, caregivers, and sur-  
20 vivors during strategic and time-sensitive fraud and  
21 scam incidents.

22 (2) Establishing consistent guidance across  
23 the enterprise for employees as well as veterans,  
24 their families, caregivers, and survivors on how to  
25 identify, report, and avoid fraud and scam attempts.

1               “(3) Promoting the VSAFE Fraud Hotline and  
2               VSAFE.gov website of the Department (and any  
3               successor resources) and identifying other identity  
4               theft resources available to veterans, their families,  
5               caregivers, and survivors, including with respect to  
6               actions made by the Secretary to protect the identi-  
7               ties of veterans and their beneficiaries.

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

10               “(A) provide internal and external report-  
11               ing;

12               “(B) enable advanced data analytics; and

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

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

18               “(6) Coordinating with the Inspector General of  
19               the Department and other Federal departments and  
20               agencies, including the Executive Office of the Presi-  
21               dent, the Office of Management and Budget, the In-  
22               ternal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice,  
23               the Department of State, the Consumer Financial  
24               Protection Bureau, the Department of Defense, the

1       Department of Education, the Social Security Ad-  
2       ministration, and other relevant agencies to—

3               “(A) develop a whole-of-Government view  
4               within the Department to improve fraud pre-  
5               vention efforts within the Department;

6               “(B) identify the proper avenues for vet-  
7               erans to report fraud attempts and receive as-  
8               sistance; and

9               “(C) identify opportunities for coordination  
10               with such departments and agencies.

11               “(7) Consulting with veterans service organiza-  
12               tions and State, local, and tribal governments, as  
13               necessary, to improve understanding of potential  
14               fraud and scam risks to veterans.

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

18               “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
19               tion shall be construed to limit the authority of the Office  
20               of Inspector General of the Department as otherwise pro-  
21               vided in this title or in chapter 4 of title 5 (commonly  
22               referred to as the Inspector General Act of 1978).

23               “(e) SUNSET.—The requirements and authorities of  
24               this section shall terminate on September 30, 2030.”.

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

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

4 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**  
5           **PENSION.**

6           Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,  
7 is amended by striking “January 31, 2033” and inserting  
8 “March 31, 2033”.