119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H.R. 1912

AN ACT

- To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - ${\it 2\ tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled},$

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "Veteran Fraud Reim-
- 3 bursement Act of 2025".
- 4 SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT TO REPAYMENT BY SECRETARY OF
- 5 VETERANS AFFAIRS OF CERTAIN MISUSED
- 6 BENEFITS.
- 7 Section 6107 of title 38, United States Code, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:

9 "§ 6107. Reissuance of benefits

- 10 "(a) Reissuance of Misused Benefits.—(1) In
- 11 any case in which a fiduciary misuses all or part of an
- 12 individual's benefit paid to such fiduciary, the Secretary
- 13 shall pay to the beneficiary or the beneficiary's successor
- 14 fiduciary an amount equal to the amount of such benefit
- 15 so misused.
- 16 "(2) In any case in which the Secretary reissues a
- 17 benefit payment (in whole or in part) under paragraph (1),
- 18 the Secretary shall make a good faith effort to obtain
- 19 recoupment from the fiduciary to whom the payment was
- 20 originally made.
- 21 "(3) In any case in which the Secretary obtains
- 22 recoupment from a fiduciary who has misused benefits,
- 23 the Secretary shall promptly remit payment of the re-
- 24 couped amounts to the beneficiary or the beneficiary's suc-
- 25 cessor fiduciary, as the case may be, to the extent that
- 26 such amounts have not been paid under paragraph (1).

- 1 "(b) Reissuance of Amounts in the Case of A
- 2 Deceased Beneficiary.—(1) If a beneficiary described
- 3 in subsection (a)(1) predeceases a payment under such
- 4 subsection, the Secretary shall pay such amount, subject
- 5 to paragraph (2), to an individual or entity in accordance
- 6 with section 5121 of this title.
- 7 "(2) The Secretary may not make a payment under
- 8 this subsection to a fiduciary who misused benefits of the
- 9 beneficiary.
- 10 "(c) Limitation on Total Amount Paid.—The
- 11 total of the amounts paid to a beneficiary or the bene-
- 12 ficiary's successor fiduciary under this section may not ex-
- 13 ceed the total benefit amount misused by the fiduciary
- 14 with respect to that beneficiary.
- 15 "(d) Oversight of Negligence.—(1) The Sec-
- 16 retary shall establish methods and timing with respect to
- 17 determining whether an instance of misuse by a fiduciary,
- 18 of all or part of an individual's benefit paid to such fidu-
- 19 ciary, is the result of negligence by the Secretary.
- 20 "(2) The Secretary may not withhold the reissuing
- 21 of a benefit payment under subsection (a)(1) by reason
- 22 of a pending determination under paragraph (1).
- 23 "(3) The Secretary is not required to make a deter-
- 24 mination under paragraph (1) for each instance of misuse

- 1 by a fiduciary, of all or part of an individual's benefit paid
- 2 to such fiduciary.".

Passed the House of Representatives May 5, 2025. Attest:

Clerk.

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