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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAKANO 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 “Fraud Reduction And
5 Uncovering Deception (FRAUD) in VA Disability Exams
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF FRAUD WITH**
2 **RESPECT TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
3 **FAIRS DISABILITY BENEFIT QUESTIONNAIRE**
4 **FORMS.**

5 Chapter 53 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
6 ed by adding at the end the following new section (and
7 conforming the tables of section at the beginning of such
8 chapter accordingly):

9 **“§ 5322. Identification and reporting of fraud with re-**
10 **spect to disability benefit questionnaire**
11 **forms**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out ac-
13 tions to identify fraudulent activity with respect to the
14 submission to the Secretary of data on disability benefit
15 questionnaire forms of the Department without regard to
16 the source of such disability benefit questionnaire forms.
17 Such actions shall include—

18 “(1) implementing a process through which in-
19 dividuals responsible for processing claims for bene-
20 fits under laws administered by the Secretary may—

21 “(A) identify instances of fraudulent activ-
22 ity with respect to such disability benefit ques-
23 tionnaire forms; and

24 “(B) submit to appropriate investigatory
25 bodies, including the Office of the Inspector
26 General of the Department, reports of sus-

1 pected fraudulent activity identified pursuant to
2 the process;

3 “(2) establishing a recurring audit of such dis-
4 ability benefit questionnaire forms submitted to the
5 Secretary without regard to the source of such dis-
6 ability benefit questionnaire forms; and

7 “(3) with respect to such disability benefit
8 questionnaire forms or such claims that the Sec-
9 retary suspects may contain fraudulent information,
10 informing the individual who submitted the disability
11 benefit questionnaire form or claim of the suspicion
12 of fraudulent activity.

13 “(b) AUTHORITY OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.—To
14 investigate suspected fraudulent activity identified pursu-
15 ant to the process under subsection (a)(1), the Inspector
16 General of the Department may use any authority applica-
17 ble to an inspector general of the Federal Government that
18 is not otherwise available to the Inspector General under
19 laws administered by the Secretary that the Inspector
20 General determines necessary for the investigation.

21 “(c) LIMITATION.—(1) Except as provided in para-
22 graph (2), the Secretary may not, pursuant to an inves-
23 tigation of the Inspector General under subsection (b), re-
24 open or change a final decision of the Department with

1 respect to a claim for a benefit under laws administered
2 by the Secretary.

3 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in any case in
4 which, pursuant to an investigation of the Inspector Gen-
5 eral under subsection (b), an individual is convicted by a
6 court of competent jurisdiction of a crime relating to
7 fraudulent activity in the submission to the Secretary of
8 evidence supporting a claim for benefits under laws admin-
9 istered by the Secretary.

10 “(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—On an annual basis, the
11 Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Af-
12 fairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a
13 report on the administration this section.”.

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