

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4445

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2026

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. BUDD) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and 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 “Veterans Protection  
5 from Fraud Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN CRIMES**  
7 **AGAINST VETERANS.**

8 Section 2326(2) of title 18, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at  
2     the end;

3           (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the comma  
4     and inserting “; or”; and

5           (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
6     lowing:

7                   “(C) targeted veterans (as such term is de-  
8     fined in section 101 of title 38) of any age,”.

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