

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4676

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 13, 2016

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an additional tool to prevent certain frauds against veterans, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Crimes
3 Against Veterans Act of 2016”.

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

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 1041. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

10 “(a) Whoever knowingly engages in any scheme or
11 artifice to defraud an individual of veterans’ benefits, or
12 in connection with obtaining veteran’s benefits for that in-
13 dividual, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not
14 more than five years, or both.

15 “(b) In this section—

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

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

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
22 at the beginning of chapter 47 of title 18, United States

- 1 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 2 item:

“1041. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

Passed the House of Representatives April 12, 2016.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.