

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4445

To amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance penalties for certain crimes committed against veterans, and for other purposes.

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

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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