

Public Law 118–114
118th Congress

An Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries.

Nov. 25, 2024
[H.R. 4190]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Restoring Benefits to Defrauded Veterans Act”.

Restoring
Benefits to
Defrauded
Veterans Act.
38 USC 101 note.

SEC. 2. REISSUANCE BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF ESTATES OF DECEASED BENEFICIARIES FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS PAID BY THE SECRETARY AND MISUSED BY FIDUCIARIES.

Section 6107 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection (c):

“(c) REISSUANCE OF AMOUNTS IN THE CASE OF A DECEASED BENEFICIARY.—(1) If a beneficiary described in subsection (a) predeceases a payment under subsection (a) or (b), the Secretary shall pay such benefits, subject to paragraph (2), to an individual or entity in accordance with section 5121 of this title.

“(2) The Secretary may not make a payment under this subsection to a fiduciary who misused benefits of the beneficiary.”; and

(3) in subsection (e), as redesignated, by striking “subsection (a) or (b)” and inserting “this section”.

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