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# S. 296

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) 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 “Preventing Crimes  
5 Against Veterans Act of 2023”.

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

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 63 of title 18, United  
 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 5 lowing:

6 **“§ 1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits**

7 “(a) Whoever knowingly executes, or attempts to exe-  
 8 cute, any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of  
 9 veterans’ benefits, or in connection with obtaining vet-  
 10 eran’s benefits for that individual, shall be fined under this  
 11 title, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

12 “(b) In this section—

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

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

18 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections  
 19 for chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
 20 by adding at the end the following:

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

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