

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve warnings about potential predatory practices regarding individuals acting as agents or attorneys in the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of veterans claims, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WHITEHOUSE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs Claim Sharks Effective Warnings Act of
6 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVE WARNINGS ABOUT POTENTIAL PREDA-**
2 **TORY PRACTICES REGARDING AGENTS AND**
3 **ATTORNEYS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5901(b) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) in the matter before subparagraph (A)
8 by striking “, each time a claimant under a law
9 administered by the Secretary logs in to a
10 website or online tool of the Department, such
11 website or online tool issues to the claimant”
12 and inserting “each public-facing website and
13 online tool of the Department issues”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “,
15 including individuals lacking recognition by the
16 Secretary as described in subsection (a)” after
17 “chapter”

18 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;
19 and” and inserting a semicolon;

20 (D) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
21 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (E) by adding at the end the following new
23 subparagraph:

24 “(E) a message discouraging veterans from
25 sharing their Department account log-in credentials

1 or bank account log-in credentials, such as
2 usernames or passwords, with anyone.”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(3) The Secretary shall carry out this subsection by
6 acting through the Chief Veterans Experience Officer.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 180
9 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.