

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend section 704 of title 18, United States Code.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WEBB introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend section 704 of title 18, United States Code.

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 “Military Service Integ-  
5 rity Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. MILITARY MEDALS OR DECORATIONS.**

7 Section 704 of title 18, United States Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **“§ 704. Military medals or decorations**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever knowingly purchases,  
11 attempts to purchase, solicits for purchase, mails, ships,  
12 imports, exports, produces blank certificates of receipt for,

1 manufactures, sells, attempts to sell, advertises for sale,  
2 trades, barters, or exchanges for anything of value any  
3 decoration or medal authorized by Congress for the Armed  
4 Forces of the United States, or any of the service medals  
5 or badges awarded to the members of such forces, or the  
6 ribbon, button, or rosette of any such badge, decoration,  
7 or medal, or any colorable imitation thereof, except when  
8 authorized under regulations made pursuant to law, shall  
9 be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than  
10 6 months, or both.

11       “(b) FALSE CLAIMS TO THE RECEIPT OF MILITARY  
12 DECORATIONS, MEDALS, OR RIBBONS IN ORDER TO SE-  
13 CURE A TANGIBLE BENEFIT OR PERSONAL GAIN.—

14               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, with the intent of  
15       securing a tangible benefit or personal gain, know-  
16       ingly, falsely, and materially represents himself or  
17       herself through any written or oral communication  
18       (including a resume) to have served in the Armed  
19       Forces of the United States or to have been awarded  
20       any decoration, medal, ribbon, or other device au-  
21       thorized by Congress or pursuant to Federal law for  
22       the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be  
23       fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than  
24       6 months, or both.

1           “(2) TANGIBLE BENEFIT OR PERSONAL GAIN.—

2           For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘tangible

3           benefit or personal gain’ includes—

4                   “(A) a benefit relating to military service

5                   provided by the Federal Government or a State

6                   or local government;

7                   “(B) employment or professional advance-

8                   ment;

9                   “(C) financial remuneration;

10                  “(D) an effect on the outcome of a crimi-

11                  nal or civil court proceeding; and

12                  “(E) an impact on one’s personal credi-

13                  bility in a political campaign.”.