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H. R. 8951

To establish mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for fraud offenses,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2026

Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. HUNT) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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for fraud offenses, and for other purposes.

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 “Zero Tolerance for
5 Fraudsters Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY MINIMUMS FOR FRAUD OFFENSES.**

7 (a) FRAUD AND FALSE STATEMENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18,
9 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

1 **“§ 1041. Mandatory minimum sentences for certain**
 2 **offenses**

3 “Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
 4 in the case of an offense under section 1001, 1002, 1003,
 5 1010, 1012, 1031, 1035, or 1040, the punishment shall
 6 be—

7 “(1) if the offense involved an amount of
 8 \$1,000,000 or more, but less than \$5,000,000, a
 9 fine under this title, and imprisonment for not less
 10 than one year and not more than 10 years; or

11 “(2) if the offense involved an amount of
 12 \$5,000,000 or more, a fine under this title, and im-
 13 prisonment for not less than 5 years and not more
 14 than 20 years,

15 except in the case that the punishment under such section
 16 provides for a greater term of imprisonment.”.

17 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 18 tions for chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code
 19 is amended by inserting after the item related to
 20 1040 the following:

“1041. Mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses.”.

21 (b) MAIL FRAUD AND OTHER FRAUD OFFENSES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 18,
 23 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 24 end the following:

1 **“§ 1353. Mandatory minimum sentences for certain**
2 **offenses**

3 “Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
4 in the case of an offense under section 1341, 1343, 1345,
5 or 1347, the punishment shall be—

6 “(1) if the offense involved an amount of
7 \$1,000,000 or more, but less than \$5,000,000, a
8 fine under this title, and imprisonment for not less
9 than one year and not more than 10 years; or

10 “(2) if the offense involved an amount of
11 \$5,000,000 or more, a fine under this title, and im-
12 prisonment for not less than 5 years and not more
13 than 20 years,

14 except in the case that the punishment under such section
15 provides for a greater term of imprisonment.”.

16 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
17 tions for chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code
18 is amended by inserting after the item related to
19 1352 the following:

“1353. Mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses.”.

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