107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5286

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans enrolled in the health care system of that Department for prescriptions written by private practitioners, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2002

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SIMMONS, and Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

---

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans enrolled in the health care system of that Department for prescriptions written by private practitioners, 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 "Veterans Prescription

5 Drugs Access Act of 2002".

SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PHARMACIES TO DISPENSE MEDICATIONS TO VETERANS ON PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS.

(a) AUTHORITY.—Section 1712(d) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(1)'' after ''(d)''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(2) In addition to drugs and medicines furnished pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall furnish to a veteran enrolled under section 1705 of this title such drugs and medicines on the formulary of the Department as may be ordered on prescription of a duly licensed physician in the treatment of any illness or injury of the veteran. Any such prescription is subject to section 1722A of this title.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading of section 1712 of such title is amended by striking the sixth through ninth words.

(2) The item relating to section 1712 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended by striking the sixth through ninth words.

○