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To direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure that beneficiaries and health care providers receive certain information regarding reproductive health care under the TRICARE program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SHERRILL (for herself, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. JACOBS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. ROSS, Mr. NADLER, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. McCLELLAN, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. AMO, Mr. TRONE, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Ms. CHU) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Knowledge
3 on Military Reproductive Healthcare Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF INFORMATION REGARDING ACCESS**
5 **TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE TO A**
6 **TRICARE BENEFICIARY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
8 provide, to a beneficiary under the TRICARE program
9 (including a member of the uniformed services), informa-
10 tion on the following:

11 (1) The reproductive health care, including
12 abortion care, that they are entitled to receive under
13 the military health system.

14 (2) The circumstances under which they can re-
15 ceive such care at a military treatment facility.

16 (3) How to request leave and travel benefits for
17 travel to another State to receive non-covered repro-
18 ductive health care.

19 (4) How to find a non-Department provider of
20 reproductive health care not available to the bene-
21 ficiary under the military health system.

22 (b) SCHEDULE.—The Secretary shall provide infor-
23 mation described in subsection (a)—

24 (1) at least once per year; and

25 (2) not later than 14 days after a permanent
26 change of station or a temporary change in station.

1 (c) METHODS.—The Secretary may provide informa-
2 tion under this section through an in-person consultation
3 or a written notice. Such a written notice may be provided
4 electronically.

5 (d) PUBLIC POSTING.—The Secretary shall ensure
6 that a written notice under subsection (c) is posted, and
7 copies thereof are available for collection, in publicly acces-
8 sible areas of each military medical treatment facility.

9 **SEC. 3. TRAINING FOR MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITY**
10 **PROVIDERS ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**
11 **CARE OBLIGATIONS.**

12 Each health care provider working at a military treat-
13 ment facility shall receive training, on an annual basis and
14 in the event of any permanent change in duty station, on
15 the following:

16 (1) The obligation of each such provider to pro-
17 vide covered reproductive health care and counseling,
18 including abortion, contraceptive, and fertility care,
19 and such provider's ability to provide that care and
20 counseling at military treatment facilities notwith-
21 standing the laws and regulations of the State in
22 which the facility is located.

23 (2) The rights and the protections afforded to
24 such providers as providers at military treatment fa-
25 cilities with regard to covered reproductive health

- 1 care, notwithstanding laws and regulations of the
- 2 State in which the treatment facility is located.

