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S. 2821

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow a veteran to receive a full year supply of contraceptive pills, transdermal patches, and vaginal rings, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Access to Contracep-
5 tion Expansion for Veterans Act” or the “ACE Veterans
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FULL YEAR SUPPLY OF CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS,**
 2 **TRANSDERMAL PATCHES, AND VAGINAL**
 3 **RINGS.**

4 (a) FULL YEAR SUPPLY.—Subchapter II of chapter
 5 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting
 6 after section 1720I the following new section:

7 **“§ 1720J. Full year supply of contraceptive pills,**
 8 **transdermal patches, and vaginal rings**

9 “(a) REQUEST FOR FULL YEAR SUPPLY.—The Sec-
 10 retary shall ensure that a veteran who is enrolled in the
 11 system of annual patient enrollment under section 1705
 12 of this title and who receives a prescription for contracep-
 13 tive pills, transdermal patches, or vaginal rings may, upon
 14 request, fill such prescription as a full year supply.

15 “(b) NOTICE.—A veteran described in subsection (a)
 16 shall be notified of the option for a full year supply de-
 17 scribed in that subsection at the time at which the pre-
 18 scription is issued.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 20 at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by insert-
 21 ing after the item relating to section 1720I the following
 22 new item:

“1720J. Full year supply of contraceptive pills, transdermal patches, and vag-
 inal rings.”.

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