

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4281

To amend chapter 17 of 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Ms. UNDERWOOD (for herself and Mr. LAMB) introduced the following bill;
which was 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.**—Chapter 17 of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section
6 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, and vaginal rings may,
14 upon request, fill such prescription as a full year supply.

15 “(b) **NOTICE.**—A veteran described by subsection (a)
16 shall be notified of the option for a full year supply pro-
17 vided by subsection (a) at the time at which the prescrip-
18 tion is issued.”.

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

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

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