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S. 1096

To eliminate the requirement that certain covered beneficiaries under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, obtain a nonavailability-of-health-care statement with respect to obstetrics and gynecological care related to a pregnancy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2001

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Spouse Physi-
5 cian Choice Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN NON-**
2 **AVAILABILITY-OF-HEALTH-CARE STATEMENT**
3 **IN CASES OF PREGNANCY.**

4 (a) ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT.—Section
5 1080(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
6 striking the second sentence.

7 (b) EXPANSION OF NONAVAILABILITY STATEMENT
8 WAIVER AUTHORITY.—Section 721 of the Floyd D.
9 Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
10 Year 2001 (as enacted by Public Law 106–398; 114 Stat.
11 1654A–446) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, or with re-
13 spect to obstetrics and gynecological care related to
14 the pregnancy of such a beneficiary who is enrolled
15 in TRICARE Extra,” after “TRICARE Standard”;
16 and

17 (2) in subsection (c)—

18 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
19 through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),
20 respectively;

21 (B) by inserting “(1)” after “(c) EXCEP-
22 TIONS.—”; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraph:

1 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of ob-
2 stetrics and gynecological care related to the pregnancy
3 of a covered beneficiary.”.

