

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3227

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. EXEMPTION OF AMOUNTS OWED FOR PRE-**  
2 **SCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES**  
3 **DISPENSED BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
4 **AFFAIRS PHARMACIES FROM OTHERWISE AP-**  
5 **PLICABLE INTEREST CHARGES AND ADMINIS-**  
6 **TRATIVE COST CHARGES.**

7 (a) EXEMPTION.—Section 5315(a)(2) of title 38,  
8 United States Code, is amended by inserting “(other than  
9 an indebtedness resulting from the provision of prescrip-  
10 tion drugs or medical supplies by a Department phar-  
11 macy)” after “of this title”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
13 subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of the first  
14 month beginning on or after the date of the enactment  
15 of this Act and shall apply with respect to charges for  
16 months beginning on or after that date, regardless of when  
17 an indebtedness was incurred.

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