

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2671

To amend title 38, United States Code, to suspend for five years the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the copayment amount in effect for medication furnished by the Secretary on an outpatient basis for the treatment of service-connected disabilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2001

Mr. STRICKLAND (for himself and Mr. NEY) 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. SUSPENSION OF AUTHORITY TO INCREASE CO-**
4 **PAYMENT AMOUNT.**

5 Section 1722A(d) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(d)”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(2) The Secretary may not exercise the authority
3 provided by subsection (b)(1) during the five-year period
4 beginning on the date of the enactment of this paragraph,
5 and any increase before that date in the copayment
6 amount in effect under subsection (a) shall not be in effect
7 during that five-year period.”.

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