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To amend title 38, United States Code, to require Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans enrolled in the health care system of that Department for prescriptions written by private practitioners, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2003

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. SIMMONS) 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 “Veterans Prescription
5 Drugs Access Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS PHARMACIES TO DISPENSE MEDICA-**
3 **TIONS TO VETERANS ON PRESCRIPTIONS**
4 **WRITTEN BY PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Section 1712(d) of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended—

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

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

9 “(2) In addition to drugs and medicines furnished
10 pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall furnish to
11 a veteran enrolled under section 1705 of this title such
12 drugs and medicines on the formulary of the Department
13 as may be ordered on prescription of a duly licensed physi-
14 cian in the treatment of any illness or injury of the vet-
15 eran. Any such prescription is subject to section 1722A
16 of this title.”.

17 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—(1) The heading of
18 section 1712 of such title is amended by striking the sixth
19 through ninth words.

20 (2) The item relating to section 1712 in the table of
21 sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is
22 amended by striking the sixth through ninth words.

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