

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 998

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Mr. KLECZKA 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 Medication
5 Accessibility Act”.

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.**—Subsection (d) of section 1712 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(d) Subject to section 1722A of this title, the Sec-
9 retary shall furnish to a veteran such drugs and medicines
10 as may be ordered on prescription of a duly licensed physi-
11 cian in the treatment of any illness or injury of the vet-
12 eran.”.

13 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—(1) The heading of
14 that section is amended by striking the sixth through
15 ninth words.

16 (2) The item relating to that section in the table of
17 sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of that title is
18 amended by striking the sixth through ninth words.

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