H. R. 4386

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 16, 2009

Mr. Michaud (for himself, Ms. Tsongas, Ms. Harman, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, and Mrs. Davis of California) introduced the following bill; which was 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 "Compassionate Care
- 5 for Servicewomen Act".

1	SEC.	2.	REQUIREMENT T	Ol	MAKE	AVAILABLE	EMERGENCY
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- 2 CONTRACEPTION AT ALL MILITARY HEALTH
- 3 CARE TREATMENT FACILITIES.
- 4 Section 1074g(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
- 5 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
- 6 graph:
- 7 "(9)(A) Emergency contraception in drug form shall
- 8 be included on the basic core formulary of the uniform
- 9 formulary, notwithstanding any provision of law or regula-
- 10 tion requiring that only drugs ordered or prescribed by
- 11 a physician (or other authorized provider) may be included
- 12 in the uniform formulary. Emergency contraception in
- 13 other-than-drug form may also be included on the basic
- 14 core formulary, notwithstanding any such provision.
- 15 "(B) Nothing in subparagraph (A) may be construed
- 16 to require emergency contraception to be covered under
- 17 the pharmacy benefits program.
- 18 "(C) Notwithstanding paragraph (4), prior author-
- 19 ization shall not be required for emergency contraception.
- 20 Nothing in the preceding sentence may be construed as
- 21 waiving any provision of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
- 22 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) or any other provision
- 23 of law administered by the Food and Drug Administra-
- 24 tion, including rules and orders of such Administration in
- 25 effect at any time under such Act or other provisions of
- 26 law.

"(D) In this paragraph, the term 'emergency contraception' means a drug, drug regimen, or device that is—
"(i) approved by the Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy; and
"(ii) used postcoitally.".

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