

119TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Access to Contracep-
5 tion Expansion for Veterans Act” or the “ACE Veterans
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FULL-YEAR SUPPLY OF CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS,**
2 **TRANSDERMAL PATCHES, VAGINAL RINGS,**
3 **AND OTHER CONTRACEPTIVE PRODUCTS.**

4 (a) FULL YEAR SUPPLY.—Subchapter II of chapter
5 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting
6 after section 1720L the following new section:

7 **“§ 1720M. Full-year supply of contraceptive pills,**
8 **transdermal patches, vaginal rings, and**
9 **other contraceptive products**

10 “(a) AVAILABILITY OF FULL-YEAR SUPPLY.—The
11 Secretary shall ensure that a veteran who is enrolled in
12 the system of annual patient enrollment under section
13 1705 of this title and to whom a medical provider of the
14 Department prescribes contraceptive pills, transdermal
15 patches, vaginal rings, or other contraceptive products
16 may elect to fill such prescription as a full-year supply.

17 “(b) NOTICE.—A medical provider of the Department
18 who prescribes to a veteran contraceptive pills,
19 transdermal patches, vaginal rings, or other contraceptive
20 products shall notify the veteran of the option to fill the
21 prescription as a full-year supply.

22 “(c) CONTRACEPTIVE PRODUCT DEFINED.—In this
23 section, the term ‘contraceptive product’ means any drug,
24 device, or biological product intended for use in the pre-
25 vention of pregnancy, whether specifically intended to pre-
26 vent pregnancy or for other health needs, that is approved,

1 cleared, authorized, or licensed under section 505, 510(k),
2 513(f)(2), 515, or 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and
3 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355, 360(k), 360c(f)(2), 360e,
4 360bbb–3) or section 351 of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 262).”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
8 after the item relating to section 1720L the following new
9 item:

“1720M. Full year supply of contraceptive pills, transdermal patches, vaginal
rings, and other contraceptive products.”.