

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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**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.”.