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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2003

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Continuity of Care for  
5 Veterans with Chronic Conditions Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. THREE-MONTH SUPPLY OF CERTAIN MEDICATIONS**  
2 **FOR VETERANS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS.**

3 (a) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF MEDICATION SUP-  
4 PLIED.—Chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is  
5 amended by inserting after section 1722A the following  
6 new section:

7 **“§ 1722B. Quantity of certain medications furnished**

8 “(a) In furnishing to a veteran by prescription a  
9 medication described in subsection (b), the Secretary shall  
10 furnish not less than a 90-day supply of such medication  
11 if the physician prescribing the medication determines—

12 “(1) that the veteran has a chronic condition  
13 for which that medication is medically appropriate;  
14 and

15 “(2) that the veteran has not, over a prior  
16 course of that medication for a minimum period to  
17 be determined by the Secretary by regulation, dem-  
18 onstrated any symptoms of abuse of that medication.

19 “(b) This section applies with respect to medications  
20 that are controlled substances within the meaning of sec-  
21 tion 102 of the Controlled Substances Act.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
24 after the item relating to section 1722A the following new  
25 item:

“1722B. Quantity of certain medications furnished.”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1722B of title 38,  
2 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall  
3 apply with respect to prescriptions written after the end  
4 of the 30-day period beginning on the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this Act.

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