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physician for an outpatient visit; and

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2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

March 7, 2002 – Introduced by Senators Grobschmidt, Burke, Schultz, Darling and Harsdorf, cosponsored by Representatives Staskunas, Duff, Sinicki, Bock, Pettis, Turner, Albers, Berceau, Musser, McCormick, J. Lehman, Sykora, Ryba, Wasserman, Lassa, Townsend, Miller and Carpenter. Referred to Committee on Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.

Relating to: memorializing Congress to pass House Resolution 1717, to require 1 2 department of veterans affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans 3 for prescriptions written by private practitioners. 4 Whereas, our nation owes a great debt to the veterans of our armed forces; and 5 Whereas, many veterans are experiencing difficulty purchasing their 6 prescription drugs; and 7 Whereas, veterans without severe service-connected disabilities and whose 8 income is above the level that makes them eligible for free care may obtain needed 9 medications at veterans affairs facilities for the very reasonable cost of \$2 per 10 prescription per 30-day supply; and 11 Whereas, this program is only available to a veteran who has received a 12 prescription from a veterans affairs physician after an outpatient visit; and 13 Whereas, a veteran who is interested in participating in this program is faced 14 with long waiting periods before having an appointment with a veterans affairs Whereas, House Resolution 1717 proposes to allow veterans immediate access to prescription medications offered through the department of veterans affairs by allowing the veterans to use prescriptions written by their family physician to receive the department's reduced-cost prescription drugs; and

Whereas, passage of House Resolution 1717 would reduce federal bureaucracy and help to repay our nation's debt to its veterans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin hereby memorializes Congress to pass legislation to amend Title 38 of the United States Code to require department of veterans affairs pharmacies to dispense medication to veterans for prescriptions written by private practitioners by passing House Resolution 1717; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to the governor of Wisconsin, to each member of the Wisconsin congressional delegation, to the President and vice president of the United States, to each member of the President's cabinet, and to the secretary of the U.S. senate and the clerk of the U.S. house of representatives.

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