



2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

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1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to pass House Resolution 1717, to require
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
15 physician for an outpatient visit; and

