



## 2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 105

March 7, 2002 - Introduced by Representatives STASKUNAS, DUFF, SINICKI, BOCK, PETTIS, TURNER, ALBERS, BERCEAU, MUSSER, MCCORMICK, J. LEHMAN, SYKORA, RYBA, WASSERMAN, LASSA, TOWNSEND, MILLER and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, BURKE, SCHULTZ, DARLING and HARSDORF. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

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

1           Whereas, House Resolution 1717 proposes to allow veterans immediate access  
2 to prescription medications offered through the department of veterans affairs by  
3 allowing the veterans to use prescriptions written by their family physician to  
4 receive the department's reduced-cost prescription drugs; and

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

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

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

17   **(END)**