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H. R. 2711

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that retired members of the Armed Forces shall be eligible for priority health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs on the same basis as former prisoners of war.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2001

Mr. SHOWS (for himself, Mr. FROST, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Military Retiree Vet-
5 erans Health Care Eligibility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY CATEGORY FOR MILITARY RETIREES IN**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MED-**
3 **ICAL SYSTEM.**

4 (a) **PRIORITY OF CARE.**—(1) Section 1705(a)(3) of
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) by striking “who are” and all that follows
7 through “, veterans”; and

8 (B) by striking “subparagraphs (B) and (C)”
9 and inserting “subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D)”.

10 (2) Section 1710(a)(2)(D) of such title is amended
11 by inserting after “former prisoner of war” the following:
12 “, who is entitled to retired or retainer pay (or would be
13 entitled to retired pay under chapter 1223 of title 10 but
14 for being under age 60),”.

15 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply with respect to hospital care and
17 medical services provided by the Secretary of Veterans Af-
18 fairs on or after January 1, 2002.

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