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S. 2417

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2004

Mr. COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. CARE FOR NEWBORN CHILDREN OF WOMEN**

4 **VETERANS RECEIVING MATERNITY CARE.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO FURNISH.**—Subchapter VIII of
6 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended
7 by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 1786. Care for newborn children of women vet-**
 2 **erans receiving maternity care**

3 “The Secretary may furnish care to a newborn child
 4 of a woman veteran who is receiving maternity care fur-
 5 nished by the Department for up to 14 days after the birth
 6 of the child if the veteran delivered the child in a Depart-
 7 ment facility or in a non-Department facility pursuant to
 8 a Department contract for the delivery services.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 10 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended
 11 by adding at the end following new item:

“1786. Care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care.”.

