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H. R. 3617

To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the authority to provide a wig and treat traction alopecia under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2023

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. McCLELLAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. OMAR, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. MFUME, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. WATERS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. CROCKETT, and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE A WIG**
4 **AND TREAT TRACTION ALOPECIA UNDER THE**
5 **TRICARE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE A
7 WIG.—Section 1074c of title 10, United States Code, is

1 amended by inserting “traction alopecia or” before “alope-
2 cia”.

3 (b) TREATMENT OF TRACTION ALOPECIA.—Section
4 1074d(b) of such title is amended by adding at the end
5 the following new paragraph:

6 “(9) Traction alopecia.”.

7 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than September 30,
8 2024, the Secretary concerned shall prescribe regulations
9 regarding grooming standards and training materials to
10 ensure that members of the Armed Forces are warned that
11 the prolonged use of tightly gathered hairstyles, dyes, and
12 chemical hair products may cause health issues, including
13 traction alopecia.

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