

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE
OF A SUBSTITUTE TO S. 2372
OFFERED BY MS. SHEA-PORTER OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE**

At the end of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5__.** **REQUIREMENT THAT SECRETARY OF VETERANS**
2 **AFFAIRS FURNISH DENTAL CARE IN THE**
3 **SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER MEDICAL**
4 **SERVICE.**

5 (a) DENTAL BENEFITS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title 38, United States
7 Code, is amended—

8 (A) in section 1701(6), by striking “as de-
9 scribed in sections 1710 and 1712 of this title”;

10 (B) in section 1710(c), by striking the sec-
11 ond sentence;

12 (C) in section 1712—

13 (i) by striking subsections (a) and (b);

14 (ii) by redesignating subsections (c),
15 (d), (e), and (f) as subsections (a), (b), (c),
16 and (d), respectively; and

17 (iii) in subsection (a), as redesignated
18 by subparagraph (B)—

1 (I) by striking “Dental appli-
2 ances” and inserting “The Secretary
3 may furnish dentures, dental appli-
4 ances”; and

5 (II) by striking “to be furnished
6 by the Secretary under this section
7 may be procured by the Secretary”
8 and inserting “under this section and
9 may procure such appliances”; and

10 (D) by striking section 2062.

11 (2) PHASED ELIGIBILITY.—The amendments
12 made by paragraph (1) shall apply as follows:

13 (A) In the case of an individual who is eli-
14 gible for dental services and appliances fur-
15 nished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
16 under chapter 17 of title 38, United States
17 Code, on the date of the enactment of this Act,
18 beginning on the date of the enactment of this
19 Act.

20 (B) In the case of a veteran who is not so
21 eligible on the date of the enactment of this Act
22 and who is described in paragraph (1) or (2) of
23 subsection (a) of section 1705 of such title, be-
24 ginning on the date that is one year after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (C) In the case of a veteran who is not so
2 eligible on the date of the enactment of this Act
3 and who is described in paragraph (3) or (4) of
4 subsection (a) of section 1705 of such title, be-
5 ginning on the date that is two years after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act.

7 (D) In the case of a veteran who is not so
8 eligible on the date of the enactment of this Act
9 and who is described in paragraph (5) or (6) of
10 subsection (a) of section 1705 of such title, be-
11 ginning on the date that is three years after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (E) In the case of a veteran who is not so
14 eligible on the date of the enactment of this Act
15 and who is described in paragraph (7) or (8) of
16 subsection (a) of section 1705 of such title, be-
17 ginning on the date that is four years after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 38, United
20 States Code, is further amended—

21 (1) in section 1525(a), by striking “medicines
22 under section 1712(d)” and inserting “medicines
23 under section 1712(b)”; and

1 (2) in section 1703(a)(7), by striking “, for a
2 veteran described in section 1712(a)(1)(F) of this
3 title”.

4 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—Such title is further
5 amended—

6 (1) in section 1712, in the heading for such sec-
7 tion, by striking “**Dental care**” and inserting
8 “**Appliances**”;

9 (2) in the table of sections at the beginning of
10 chapter 17, by striking the item relating to section
11 1712 and inserting the following new item:

“1712. Appliances; drugs and medicines for certain disabled veterans; vac-
cines.”;

12 and

13 (3) in the table of sections at the beginning of
14 chapter 20, by striking the item relating to section
15 2062.

