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Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for
5 military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,

1 and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September
2 30, 2027, and for other purposes, namely:

3 TITLE I

4 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

5 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

6 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
7 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military
8 installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as
9 currently authorized by law, including personnel in the
10 Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-
11 essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-
12 struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-
13 tions of the Commander in Chief, \$2,131,959,000, to re-
14 main available until September 30, 2031: *Provided*, That,
15 of this amount, not to exceed \$298,588,000 shall be avail-
16 able for study, planning, design, architect and engineer
17 services, and host nation support, as authorized by law,
18 unless the Secretary of the Army determines that addi-
19 tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and no-
20 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
21 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:
22 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available
23 under this heading, \$108,000,000 shall be for the projects
24 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table
25 under the heading “Military Construction, Army” in the

1 report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts oth-
2 erwise available for such purposes.

3 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

4 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
5 ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-
6 stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and
7 Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including
8 personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command
9 and other personal services necessary for the purposes of
10 this appropriation, \$5,508,034,000, to remain available
11 until September 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of this amount,
12 not to exceed \$559,783,000 shall be available for study,
13 planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as
14 authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy deter-
15 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such
16 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations
17 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the
18 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
19 made available under this heading, \$73,000,000 shall be
20 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
21 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
22 Navy and Marine Corps” in the report accompanying this
23 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such
24 purposes.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

2 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
3 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military
4 installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force
5 as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the
6 Department of the Air Force when designated by the Sec-
7 retary of Defense to direct and supervise Military Con-
8 struction projects in accordance with section 2851 of title
9 10, United States Code, and other personal services nec-
10 essary for the purposes of this appropriation,
11 \$3,712,473,000, to remain available until September 30,
12 2031: *Provided*, That, of this amount, not to exceed
13 \$519,223,000 shall be available for study, planning, de-
14 sign, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
15 by law, unless the Secretary of the Air Force determines
16 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes
17 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both
18 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons
19 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-
20 able under this heading, \$141,000,000 shall be for the
21 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in
22 the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air
23 Force” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition
24 to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
4 ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-
5 tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-
6 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military
7 departments), as currently authorized by law,
8 \$3,757,301,000, to remain available until September 30,
9 2031: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation
10 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may
11 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department
12 of Defense available for military construction or family
13 housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with
14 and to be available for the same purposes, and for the
15 same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which
16 transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to
17 exceed \$221,001,000 shall be available for study, plan-
18 ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-
19 thorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense deter-
20 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such
21 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations
22 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the
23 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
24 made available under this heading, \$55,000,000 shall be
25 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-

1 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
2 Defense-Wide” in the report accompanying this Act, in ad-
3 dition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

4 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

5 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
6 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
7 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-
8 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
9 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
10 tion Acts, \$198,380,000, to remain available until Sep-
11 tember 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to
12 exceed \$73,646,000 shall be available for study, planning,
13 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
14 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard
15 determines that additional obligations are necessary for
16 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-
17 tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and
18 the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
19 made available under this heading, \$27,500,000 shall be
20 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
21 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
22 Army National Guard” in the report accompanying this
23 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such
24 purposes.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

2 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
3 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
4 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions
5 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United
6 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization
7 Acts, \$291,264,000, to remain available until September
8 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed
9 \$38,264,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,
10 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,
11 unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines
12 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes
13 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both
14 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons
15 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-
16 able under this heading, \$38,500,000 shall be for the
17 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in
18 the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air
19 National Guard” in the report accompanying this Act, in
20 addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

21 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

22 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
23 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
24 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter
25 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-

1 struction Authorization Acts, \$42,239,000, to remain
2 available until September 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of the
3 amount, not to exceed \$6,013,000 shall be available for
4 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
5 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army
6 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-
7 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on
8 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-
9 mination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That
10 of the amount made available under this heading,
11 \$1,710,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in
12 the amounts, specified in the table under the heading
13 “Military Construction, Army Reserve” in the report ac-
14 companying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise
15 available for such purposes.

16 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

17 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
18 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
19 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and
20 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
21 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
22 tion Acts, \$2,255,000, to remain available until September
23 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed
24 \$2,255,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,
25 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,

1 unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that addi-
2 tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and no-
3 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
4 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

5 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

6 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
7 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
8 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by
9 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military
10 Construction Authorization Acts, \$60,458,000, to remain
11 available until September 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of the
12 amount, not to exceed \$270,000 shall be available for
13 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
14 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air
15 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are
16 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees
17 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-
18 termination and the reasons therefor.

19 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION
20 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

21 For the United States share of the cost of the North
22 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-
23 gram for the acquisition and construction of military fa-
24 cilities and installations (including international military
25 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective

1 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized
2 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-
3 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$481,832,000, to
4 remain available until expended.

5 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

6 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base
7 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-
8 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10
9 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$465,161,000, to remain available
10 until expended.

11 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

12 For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-
13 struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-
14 pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
15 \$228,558,000, to remain available until September 30,
16 2031.

17 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
18 ARMY

19 For expenses of family housing for the Army for op-
20 eration and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,
21 minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-
22 surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$388,418,000.

1 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE
2 CORPS

3 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
4 rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-
5 ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as
6 authorized by law, \$177,597,000, to remain available until
7 September 30, 2031.

8 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
9 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

10 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
11 rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt
12 payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-
13 est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by
14 law, \$384,108,000.

15 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

16 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
17 construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,
18 expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
19 \$274,230,000, to remain available until September 30,
20 2031.

21 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR
22 FORCE

23 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
24 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-
25 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,

1 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,
2 \$369,765,000.

3 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
4 DEFENSE-WIDE

5 For expenses of family housing for the activities and
6 agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the
7 military departments) for operation and maintenance,
8 leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law,
9 \$52,156,000.

10 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

11 FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

12 For the Department of Defense Family Housing Im-
13 provement Fund, \$8,315,000, to remain available until ex-
14 pended, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursu-
15 ant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, pro-
16 viding alternative means of acquiring and improving mili-
17 tary family housing and supporting facilities.

18 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

19 MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT
20 FUND

21 For the Department of Defense Military Unaccom-
22 panied Housing Improvement Fund, \$497,000, to remain
23 available until expended, for unaccompanied housing ini-
24 tiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10,
25 United States Code, providing alternative means of acquir-

1 ing and improving military unaccompanied housing and
2 supporting facilities.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

4 SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this
5 title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-
6 fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates
7 exceed \$25,000, to be performed within the United States,
8 except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of
9 the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons there-
10 for.

11 SEC. 102. Funds made available in this title for con-
12 struction shall be available for hire of passenger motor ve-
13 hicles.

14 SEC. 103. Funds made available in this title for con-
15 struction may be used for advances to the Federal High-
16 way Administration, Department of Transportation, for
17 the construction of access roads as authorized by section
18 210 of title 23, United States Code, when projects author-
19 ized therein are certified as important to the national de-
20 fense by the Secretary of Defense.

21 SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this
22 title may be used to begin construction of new bases in
23 the United States for which specific appropriations have
24 not been made.

1 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this
2 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements
3 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by
4 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-
5 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-
6 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated
7 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney
8 General; (3) where the estimated value is less than
9 \$25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary
10 of Defense to be in the public interest.

11 SEC. 106. None of the funds made available in this
12 title shall be used to: (1) acquire land; (2) provide for site
13 preparation; or (3) install utilities for any family housing,
14 except housing for which funds have been made available
15 in annual Acts making appropriations for military con-
16 struction.

17 SEC. 107. None of the funds made available in this
18 title for minor construction may be used to transfer or
19 relocate any activity from one base or installation to an-
20 other, without prior notification to the Committees on Ap-
21 propriations of both Houses of Congress.

22 SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this
23 title may be used for the procurement of steel for any con-
24 struction project or activity for which American steel pro-

1 ducers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied
2 the opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.

3 SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Depart-
4 ment of Defense for military construction or family hous-
5 ing during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real
6 property taxes in any foreign nation.

7 SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this
8 title may be used to initiate a new installation overseas
9 without prior notification to the Committees on Appro-
10 priations of both Houses of Congress.

11 SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this
12 title may be obligated for architect and engineer contracts
13 estimated by the Government to exceed \$500,000 for
14 projects to be accomplished in Japan, in any North Atlan-
15 tic Treaty Organization member country, or in countries
16 bordering the Arabian Gulf, unless such contracts are
17 awarded to United States firms or United States firms
18 in joint venture with host nation firms.

19 SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this
20 title for military construction in the United States terri-
21 tories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein
22 Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be
23 used to award any contract estimated by the Government
24 to exceed \$1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: *Provided*,
25 That this section shall not be applicable to contract

1 awards for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid
2 of a United States contractor exceeds the lowest respon-
3 sive and responsible bid of a foreign contractor by greater
4 than 20 percent: *Provided further*, That this section shall
5 not apply to contract awards for military construction on
6 Kwajalein Atoll for which the lowest responsive and re-
7 sponsible bid is submitted by a Marshallese contractor.

8 SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense shall inform the
9 appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, in-
10 cluding the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and
11 scope of any proposed military exercise involving United
12 States personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts
13 expended for construction, either temporary or permanent,
14 are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.

15 SEC. 114. Funds appropriated to the Department of
16 Defense for construction in prior years shall be available
17 for construction authorized for each such military depart-
18 ment by the authorizations enacted into law during the
19 current session of Congress.

20 SEC. 115. For military construction or family housing
21 projects that are being completed with funds otherwise ex-
22 pired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may
23 be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspec-
24 tion, overhead, engineering and design on those projects
25 and on subsequent claims, if any.

1 SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, any funds made available to a military department
3 or defense agency for the construction of military projects
4 may be obligated for a military construction project or
5 contract, or for any portion of such a project or contract,
6 at any time before the end of the fourth fiscal year after
7 the fiscal year for which funds for such project were made
8 available, if the funds obligated for such project: (1) are
9 obligated from funds available for military construction
10 projects; and (2) do not exceed the amount appropriated
11 for such project, plus any amount by which the cost of
12 such project is increased pursuant to law.

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or
15 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic me-
16 dium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
17 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
18 of both Houses of Congress, such additional amounts as
19 may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be
20 transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family
21 Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated
22 for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be
23 merged with and to be available for the same purposes
24 and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated
25 directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense

1 Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund
2 from amounts appropriated for construction of military
3 unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” ac-
4 counts, to be merged with and to be available for the same
5 purposes and for the same period of time as amounts ap-
6 propriated directly to the Fund: *Provided*, That appropria-
7 tions made available to the Funds shall be available to
8 cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Con-
9 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan
10 guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant
11 to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title
12 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means
13 of acquiring and improving military family housing, mili-
14 tary unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 SEC. 118. In addition to any other transfer authority
17 available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be
18 transferred from the Department of Defense Base Closure
19 Account to the fund established by section 1013(d) of the
20 Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act
21 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated
22 with the Homeowners Assistance Program incurred under
23 42 U.S.C. 3374(a)(1)(A). Any amounts transferred shall
24 be merged with and be available for the same purposes

1 and for the same time period as the fund to which trans-
2 ferred.

3 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 law, funds made available in this title for operation and
5 maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive
6 source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family
7 housing units, including general or flag officer quarters:
8 *Provided*, That not more than \$20,000 per unit may be
9 spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any gen-
10 eral or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notifica-
11 tion, or 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic
12 medium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
13 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
14 of both Houses of Congress, except that an after-the-fact
15 notification shall be submitted if the limitation is exceeded
16 solely due to costs associated with environmental remedi-
17 ation that could not be reasonably anticipated at the time
18 of the budget submission: *Provided further*, That the
19 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is to report an-
20 nually to the Committees on Appropriations of both
21 Houses of Congress all operation and maintenance ex-
22 penditures for each individual general or flag officer quar-
23 ters for the prior fiscal year.

24 SEC. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-
25 provement Account established by subsection (h) of sec-

tion 2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appropriated and shall be available until expended for the purposes specified in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until transferred pursuant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 121. During the 5-year period after appropriations available in this Act to the Department of Defense for military construction and family housing operation and maintenance and construction have expired for obligation, upon a determination that such appropriations will not be necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obligations incurred during the period of availability of such appropriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged with and to be available for the same time period and for the same purposes as the appropriation to which transferred.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in an account funded under the headings in this title may be transferred among projects and activities within the account in accordance with the reprogramming guidelines for military construction and family housing

1 construction contained in Department of Defense Finan-
2 cial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chap-
3 ter 7, of April 2021, as in effect on the date of enactment
4 of this Act.

5 SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this
6 title may be obligated or expended for planning and design
7 and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-
8 tery.

9 SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts
10 and in the amounts specified, to remain available until
11 September 30, 2031:

12 “Military Construction, Army”, \$150,000,000;

13 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
14 Corps”, \$150,000,000;

15 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
16 \$150,000,000; and

17 “Military Construction, Defense Wide”,
18 \$50,000,000:

19 *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry
20 out construction and cost to complete projects identified
21 in the respective military department’s unfunded priority
22 list for fiscal year 2027 submitted to Congress: *Provided*
23 *further*, That such projects are subject to authorization
24 prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out
25 construction: *Provided further*, That not later than 60

1 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the mili-
2 tary department concerned, or their designee, shall submit
3 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
4 Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under
5 this section.

6 SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-
7 ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “De-
8 partment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and
9 Marine Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Con-
10 struction, Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Mili-
11 tary Construction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to
12 the authorization of appropriations in a National Defense
13 Authorization Act specified for fiscal year 2027 in the
14 funding table in section 4601 of that Act shall be imme-
15 diately available and allotted to contract for the full scope
16 of authorized projects.

17 SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,
18 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-
19 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-
20 gated before October 1, 2028 for fiscal year 2017, 2018,
21 2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which
22 project authorization has not lapsed or for which author-
23 ization is extended for fiscal year 2027 by a National De-
24 fense Authorization Act: *Provided*, That no amounts may
25 be obligated pursuant to this section from amounts that

1 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-
2 ment pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget
3 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
4 Act of 1985.

5 SEC. 127. For an additional amount for the accounts
6 and in the amounts specified for design for Military Instal-
7 lation Resilience, to remain available until September 30,
8 2031:

9 “Military Construction, Army”, \$5,000,000;

10 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
11 Corps”, \$5,000,000; and

12 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
13 \$5,000,000:

14 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
15 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
16 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
17 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
18 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

19 SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts
20 and in the amounts specified for design for child develop-
21 ment centers, to remain available until September 30,
22 2031:

23 “Military Construction, Army”, \$15,000,000;

24 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
25 Corps”, \$15,000,000; and

1 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
2 \$15,000,000:

3 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
4 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
5 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
6 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
7 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

8 SEC. 129. For an additional amount for the accounts
9 and in the amounts specified for design for barracks, to
10 remain available until September 30, 2031:

11 “Military Construction, Army”, \$15,000,000;

12 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
13 Corps”, \$15,000,000; and

14 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
15 \$15,000,000:

16 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
17 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
18 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
19 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
20 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

21 SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts
22 and in the amounts specified for unspecified minor con-
23 struction for demolition, to remain available until Sep-
24 tember 30, 2031:

25 “Military Construction, Army”, \$20,000,000;

1 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
2 Corps”, \$20,000,000; and

3 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
4 \$20,000,000:

5 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
6 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
7 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
8 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
9 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

10 SEC. 131. None of the funds made available by this
11 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment
12 of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
13 Cuba.

1 TITLE II
2 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
3 VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION
4 COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on
7 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-
8 aminations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11,
9 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code;
10 pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized
11 by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United
12 States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitle-
13 ment Program for Survivors, emergency and other offi-
14 cers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certifi-
15 cates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insur-
16 ance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV
17 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App.
18 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sec-
19 tions 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51,
20 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code,
21 \$10,555,052,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-
22 viously appropriated under this heading that became avail-
23 able on October 1, 2026; \$283,806,848,000, which shall
24 become available on October 1, 2027, to remain available
25 until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$32,324,190

1 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2028 under
2 this heading shall be reimbursed to “General Operating
3 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “Infor-
4 mation Technology Systems” for necessary expenses in
5 implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55
6 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source for
7 which is specifically provided as the “Compensation and
8 Pensions” appropriation: *Provided further*, That such
9 sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient
10 basis, shall be reimbursed to “Medical Care Collections
11 Fund” to augment the funding of individual medical facili-
12 ties for nursing home care provided to pensioners as au-
13 thorized.

14 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

15 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation
16 benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chap-
17 ters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and
18 61 of title 38, United States Code, \$23,565,656,000,
19 which shall become available on October 1, 2027, to re-
20 main available until expended: *Provided*, That expenses for
21 rehabilitation program services and assistance which the
22 Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of
23 section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than
24 under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that sub-
25 section, shall be charged to this account.

1 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

2 For military and naval insurance, national service life
3 insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-
4 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as
5 authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United
6 States Code, \$90,892,830, which shall become available
7 on October 1, 2027, to remain available until expended.

8 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

9 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such
10 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as
11 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of
12 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs,
13 including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
14 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
15 1974: *Provided further*, That, during fiscal year 2027,
16 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in
17 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for spe-
18 cially adapted housing loans.

19 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
20 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$266,736,842.

21 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

22 For the cost of direct loans, \$34,788, as authorized
23 by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,
24 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such
25 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-

1 sional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds
2 made available under this heading are available to sub-
3 sidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct
4 loans not to exceed \$1,227,041.

5 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
6 carry out the direct loan program, \$507,254, which may
7 be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-
8 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

9 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

10 ACCOUNT

11 For the cost of direct loans, \$2,604,056, as author-
12 ized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United
13 States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost
14 of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502
15 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading are
17 available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal
18 amount of direct loans not to exceed \$75,000,000.

19 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
20 the direct loan program authorized by subchapter V of
21 chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, \$5,845,241.

22 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS

23 ADMINISTRATION

24 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans
25 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-

1 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement
2 of the General Services Administration for security guard
3 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-
4 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,
5 \$3,744,000,000: *Provided*, That expenses for services and
6 assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and
7 (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code,
8 that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are nec-
9 essary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum ex-
10 tent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and
11 maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum
12 independence in daily living, shall be charged to this ac-
13 count: *Provided further*, That, of the funds made available
14 under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain
15 available until September 30, 2028.

16 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

17 MEDICAL SERVICES

18 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized
19 by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to
20 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and
21 veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United
22 States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not
23 under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including
24 medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services,
25 food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare em-

1 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, assist-
2 ance and support services for caregivers as authorized by
3 section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repay-
4 ments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and
5 Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public
6 Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note),
7 monthly assistance allowances authorized by section
8 322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized
9 by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-
10 ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections
11 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-
12 pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787
13 of title 38, United States Code; \$100,000,000, which shall
14 be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this
15 heading that became available on October 1, 2026;
16 \$70,700,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-
17 come available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain avail-
18 able until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the
19 amount made available on October 1, 2027, under this
20 heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
21 tember 30, 2029: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding
22 any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
23 fairs shall establish a priority for the provision of medical
24 treatment for veterans who have service-connected disabil-
25 ities, lower income, or have special needs: *Provided further*,

1 That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
 2 retary of Veterans Affairs shall give priority funding for
 3 the provision of basic medical benefits to veterans in en-
 4 rollment priority groups 1 through 6: *Provided further*,
 5 That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
 6 retary of Veterans Affairs may authorize the dispensing
 7 of prescription drugs from Veterans Health Administra-
 8 tion facilities to enrolled veterans with privately written
 9 prescriptions based on requirements established by the
 10 Secretary: *Provided further*, That the implementation of
 11 the program described in the previous proviso shall incur
 12 no additional cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs:
 13 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 14 shall ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated under
 15 this heading for medical supplies and equipment are avail-
 16 able for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically
 17 for female veterans: *Provided further*, That nothing in sec-
 18 tion 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, may be con-
 19 strued as limiting amounts that may be made available
 20 under this heading for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 in this
 21 or prior Acts.

22 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

23 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to
 24 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United
 25 States Code, at non-Department facilities,

1 \$1,027,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-
 2 viously appropriated under this heading that became avail-
 3 able on October 1, 2026; and in addition,
 4 \$42,000,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-
 5 come available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain avail-
 6 able until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the
 7 amount made available on October 1, 2027, under this
 8 heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
 9 tember 30, 2028.

10 MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

11 For necessary expenses in the administration of the
 12 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,
 13 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-
 14 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-
 15 ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-
 16 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-
 17 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,
 18 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-
 19 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$12,000,000,000, plus
 20 reimbursements, which shall become available on October
 21 1, 2027, and shall remain available until September 30,
 22 2028: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on
 23 October 1, 2027, under this heading, \$350,000,000 shall
 24 remain available until September 30, 2029: *Provided fur-*
 25 *ther*, That of the \$12,000,000,000 that became available

1 on October 1, 2026, previously appropriated under this
2 heading in the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture,
3 Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans
4 Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 (division D of Public
5 Law 119-37), \$1,650,000,000 is hereby rescinded.

6 MEDICAL FACILITIES

7 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-
8 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,
9 and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Ad-
10 ministration; for administrative expenses in support of
11 planning, design, project management, real property ac-
12 quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of
13 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the
14 Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural
15 activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-
16 ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-
17 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
18 ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by
19 the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-
20 rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services;
21 \$13,540,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-
22 come available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain avail-
23 able until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the
24 amount made available on October 1, 2027, under this
25 heading, \$500,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-

1 tember 30, 2029: *Provided further*, That of the
2 \$11,700,000,000 that became available on October 1,
3 2026, previously appropriated under this heading in the
4 Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative
5 Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and
6 Extensions Act, 2026 (division D of Public Law 119-37),
7 \$754,323,000 is hereby rescinded.

8 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

9 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of
10 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-
11 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,
12 \$900,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain avail-
13 able until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That the Sec-
14 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient
15 amounts appropriated under this heading are available for
16 prosthetic research specifically for female veterans, and
17 for toxic exposure research.

18 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

19 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-
20 ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-
21 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-
22 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase
23 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-
24 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-
25 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction

1 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$500,000,000,
2 of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available
3 until September 30, 2028.

4 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

5 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 For necessary operating expenses of the Department
8 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including
9 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide
10 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-
11 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for
12 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-
13 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General
14 Services Administration for security guard services,
15 \$425,000,000, which shall be for the offices and in the
16 amounts specified under this heading in the report accom-
17 panying this Act, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall
18 remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*,
19 That funds provided under this heading may be trans-
20 ferred to “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits
21 Administration”: *Provided further*, That 25 percent of the
22 funds made available under this heading shall not be avail-
23 able for obligation or expenditure until the Secretary of
24 Veterans Affairs appears before the Committees on Appro-

1 priations of both Houses of Congress to testify on the
 2 President's budget request for fiscal year 2027.

3 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

4 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of
 5 Veterans Appeals, \$268,000,000, of which not to exceed
 6 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,
 7 2028.

8 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 For necessary expenses for information technology
 11 systems and telecommunications support, including devel-
 12 opmental information systems and operational information
 13 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital
 14 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-
 15 cluding management and related contractual costs of said
 16 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with
 17 operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United
 18 States Code, \$5,454,000,000, plus reimbursements: *Pro-*
 19 *vided*, That \$1,350,775,000 shall be for pay and associ-
 20 ated costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain
 21 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided further*, That
 22 \$3,543,200,000 shall be for operations and maintenance,
 23 of which not to exceed 35 percent shall remain available
 24 until September 30, 2028, and of which \$118,900,000
 25 shall remain available until September 30, 2031, for the

1 purpose of facility activations related to projects funded
2 by the “Construction, Major Projects”, “Construction,
3 Minor Projects”, “Medical Facilities”, “National Ceme-
4 tery Administration”, “General Operating Expenses, Vet-
5 erans Benefits Administration”, and “General Adminis-
6 tration” accounts: *Provided further*, That \$560,025,000
7 shall be for information technology systems development,
8 and shall remain available until September 30, 2028: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That amounts made available for salaries
10 and expenses, operations and maintenance, and informa-
11 tion technology systems development may be transferred
12 among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Vet-
13 erans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appropria-
14 tions of both Houses of Congress the authority to make
15 the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided further*,
16 That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-
17 nology Systems” account for development may be trans-
18 ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That no project may be increased or de-
20 creased by more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submit-
21 ting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of
22 both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an ap-
23 proval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days
24 has elapsed.

1 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

2 For activities related to implementation, preparation,
3 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-
4 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-
5 cluding contractual costs associated with operations au-
6 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,
7 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles
8 5 and 38, United States Code, \$3,400,000,000, to remain
9 available until September 30, 2029: *Provided*, That the
10 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Commit-
11 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quar-
12 terly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and de-
13 ployment implementation by facility, including any
14 changes from the deployment plan or schedule: *Provided*
15 *further*, That the funds provided in this account shall only
16 be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be
17 administered by that Office: *Provided further*, That 25
18 percent of the funds made available under this heading
19 shall not be available until July 1, 2027, and are contin-
20 gent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs providing to
21 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
22 gress a plan by June 1, 2027, containing the following:
23 (1) an updated life-cycle cost estimate for the
24 EHRM program based on the Department's accel-
25 eration of deployments;

1 (2) an updated facility-by-facility deployment
2 schedule for all facilities to receive the EHRM pro-
3 gram;

4 (3) a certification that all VA facilities using
5 the new EHR on or before April 1, 2024, have ex-
6 ceeded or met certain health care performance base-
7 line metrics indicating they have returned to their
8 service delivery levels in place prior to the deploy-
9 ment of the new EHR; and

10 (4) an updated projection of Federal VA staff-
11 ing levels, contract support, and other relevant ac-
12 tivities required, and the resources required to fund
13 those activities, to meet the deployment goal as out-
14 lined in (2), including target Federal and contracted
15 staffing levels at VA Central Office and, each local
16 VA medical center with a slated deployment in 2027
17 and 2028, as well as contract support to provide
18 technical and other change management support to
19 carry out the deployments.

20 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
22 General, to include information technology, in carrying out
23 the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
24 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), \$290,000,000, of which not to exceed

1 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,
2 2028.

3 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

4 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
5 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
6 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans
7 Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections
8 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States
9 Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, ar-
10 chitectural and engineering services, construction manage-
11 ment services, maintenance or guarantee period services
12 costs associated with equipment guarantees provided
13 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility
14 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-
15 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more
16 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title
17 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were
18 made available in a previous major project appropriation,
19 \$660,670,000, of which \$304,700,000 shall remain avail-
20 able until September 30, 2031, and of which
21 \$355,970,000 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
22 *vided*, That except for advance planning activities, includ-
23 ing needs assessments which may or may not lead to cap-
24 ital investments, and other capital asset management re-
25 lated activities, including portfolio development and man-

1 agement activities, and planning, cost estimating, and de-
2 sign for major medical facility projects and major medical
3 facility leases and investment strategy studies funded
4 through the advance planning fund and the planning and
5 design activities funded through the design fund, staffing
6 expenses, and funds provided for the purchase, security,
7 and maintenance of land for the National Cemetery Ad-
8 ministration and the Veterans Health Administration
9 through the land acquisition line item, none of the funds
10 made available under this heading shall be used for any
11 project that has not been notified to Congress through the
12 budgetary process or that has not been approved by the
13 Congress through statute, joint resolution, or in the ex-
14 planatory statement accompanying such Act and pre-
15 sented to the President at the time of enrollment: *Provided*
16 *further*, That funds provided for the Veterans Health Ad-
17 ministration through the land acquisition line item shall
18 be only for projects included on the five year development
19 plan notified to Congress through the budgetary process:
20 *Provided further*, That such sums as may be necessary
21 shall be available to reimburse the “General Administra-
22 tion” account for payment of salaries and expenses of all
23 Office of Construction and Facilities Management employ-
24 ees to support the full range of capital infrastructure serv-
25 ices provided, including minor construction and leasing

1 services: *Provided further*, That funds made available
2 under this heading for fiscal year 2027, for each approved
3 project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a con-
4 struction documents contract by September 30, 2027; and
5 (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by Sep-
6 tember 30, 2028: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of
7 Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees
8 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written
9 report on any approved major construction project for
10 which obligations are not incurred within the time limita-
11 tions established above: *Provided further*, That notwith-
12 standing the requirements of section 8104(a) of title 38,
13 United States Code, amounts made available under this
14 heading for seismic program management activities shall
15 be available for the completion of both new and existing
16 seismic projects of the Department.

17 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

18 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
19 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
20 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans
21 Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs
22 which may lead to capital investments, architectural and
23 engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period
24 services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-
25 vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite

1 utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and
2 site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in
3 sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38,
4 United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the
5 estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the
6 amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38,
7 United States Code, \$318,000,000, of which
8 \$210,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
9 2031, and of which \$108,000,000 shall remain available
10 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-
11 vious “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations
12 which are hereby made available for any project where the
13 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth
14 in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available
15 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the
16 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use
17 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or
18 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;
19 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to
20 minimize further loss by such causes.

21 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE
22 FACILITIES

23 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct
24 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-
25 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,

1 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing
2 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through
3 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$171,000,000, to
4 remain available until expended.

5 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

6 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations
7 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-
8 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United
9 States Code, \$60,000,000, to remain available until ex-
10 pended.

11 COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND

12 For investment in the delivery of veterans' health
13 care associated with exposure to environmental hazards,
14 the expenses incident to the delivery of veterans' health
15 care and benefits associated with exposure to environ-
16 mental hazards, and medical and other research relating
17 to exposure to environmental hazards, as authorized by
18 section 324 of title 38, United States Code, and in addi-
19 tion to the amounts otherwise available for such purposes
20 in the appropriations provided in this or prior Acts, includ-
21 ing the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law
22 118–5), \$54,593,000,000, to remain available until ex-
23 pended; and, in addition, \$53,715,000,000, which shall be-
24 come available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain avail-
25 able until September 30, 2029.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2027 for “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”, and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be transferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appropriations: *Provided*, That, before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 202. Not to exceed 3 percent of amounts made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2027, in this or any other Act, including prior Acts, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities” accounts may be transferred among the accounts: *Provided*, That no such account shall be increased by more than 3 percent, in this or any other Act, by any such transfer: *Provided further*, That amounts may be transferred pursuant to this section only upon written notification from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress

1 of the amount and purpose of the transfer and subsequent
2 approval from the Committees on Appropriations of both
3 House of Congress: *Provided further*, That the transfer au-
4 thority provided in this section is in addition to any other
5 transfer authority provided by law.

6 SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for
7 salaries and expenses shall be available for services au-
8 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code;
9 hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land
10 or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-
11 ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United
12 States Code.

13 SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the
14 appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects” and
15 “Construction, Minor Projects”) shall be available for the
16 purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any
17 new hospital or home.

18 SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be
19 available for healthcare treatment or examination of any
20 persons (except beneficiaries entitled to such treatment or
21 examination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-
22 erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sec-
23 tions 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code,
24 or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
25 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reim-

1 bursement of the cost of such treatment or examination
2 is made to the “Medical Services” account at such rates
3 as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

4 SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for
5 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,
6 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-
7 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-
8 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding
9 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year
10 2026.

11 SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall
12 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding
13 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections
14 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States
15 Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund
16 accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation
17 and Pensions”.

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of
20 law, during fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Veterans
21 Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance
22 Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code,
23 the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund under section
24 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United
25 States Government Life Insurance Fund under section

1 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “Gen-
2 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-
3 tion” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for
4 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-
5 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimburse-
6 ment shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-
7 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year
8 2027 that are available for dividends in that program after
9 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves
10 have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of
11 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the
12 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,
13 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such
14 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
15 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year
16 2027 which is properly allocable to the provision of each
17 such insurance program and to the provision of any total
18 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-
19 gram.

20 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use
21 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-
22 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-
23 viding enhanced-use lease services shall be available until
24 expended.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution function within the Office of Human Resources and Administration for all services provided at rates which will recover actual costs but not to exceed \$85,691,000 for the Office of Resolution Management, \$8,807,000 for the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and \$4,742,026 for the Alternative Dispute Resolution function within the Office of Human Resources and Administration: *Provided*, That payments may be made in advance for services to be furnished based on estimated costs: *Provided further*, That amounts received shall be credited to the “General Administration” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for use by the office that provided the service.

SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home care, or medical services provided to any person under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-service-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of such title, unless that person has disclosed to the Sec-

1 retary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary
2 may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement
3 information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That the Secretary may recover, in the same man-
5 ner as any other debt due the United States, the reason-
6 able charges for such care or services from any person who
7 does not make such disclosure as required: *Provided fur-*
8 *ther*, That any amounts so recovered for care or services
9 provided in a prior fiscal year may be obligated by the
10 Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are re-
11 ceived.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leas-
15 ing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into
16 the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction,
17 Minor Projects” accounts and be used for construction
18 (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations,
19 and improvements of any medical facility under the juris-
20 diction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Af-
21 fairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount
22 provided for in “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-
23 struction, Minor Projects”.

24 SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical
25 Services” are available—

1 (1) for furnishing recreational facilities, sup-
2 plies, and equipment; and

3 (2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and
4 other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for
5 beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the
8 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A
9 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the
10 “Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-
11 counts to remain available until expended for the purposes
12 of these accounts.

13 SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
14 enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health
15 Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and
16 Tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native
17 Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, to pro-
18 vide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental
19 care, to veterans in rural Alaska. The Secretary shall re-
20 quire participating veterans and facilities to comply with
21 all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the
22 Secretary. The term “rural Alaska” shall mean those
23 lands which are not within the boundaries of the munici-
24 pality of Anchorage or the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursuant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain available until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report on the financial status of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter: *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include the direction contained in the paragraph entitled “Quarterly reporting”, under the heading “General Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 114–223.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”, and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fiscal year 2027 may be transferred to or from the “Informa-

tion Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggregate increase in the total amount made available by this Act for the “Information Technology Systems” account: *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2027 for “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology Systems”, up to \$710,778,000, plus reimbursements, may be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*,

1 That additional funds may be transferred from accounts
2 designated in this section to the Joint Department of De-
3 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
4 Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Sec-
5 retary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-
6 priations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,
7 That section 220 of title II of division D of Public Law
8 119–37, is repealed.

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-
11 partment of Veterans Affairs which become available on
12 October 1, 2027, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Com-
13 munity Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and
14 “Medical Facilities”, up to \$760,767,000, plus reimburse-
15 ments, may be transferred to the Joint Department of De-
16 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
17 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the
18 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
19 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used
20 for operation of the facilities designated as combined Fed-
21 eral medical facilities as described by section 706 of the
22 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for
23 Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500):
24 *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from
25 accounts designated in this section to the Joint Depart-

1 ment of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Med-
2 ical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifica-
3 tion by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Commit-
4 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the
7 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A
8 of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided
9 at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facili-
10 ties as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter
11 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009
12 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be avail-
13 able: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of De-
14 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
15 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the
16 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
17 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for oper-
18 ations of the facilities designated as combined Federal
19 medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Dun-
20 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
21 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Pro-*
22 *vided*, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the
23 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
24 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts trans-
25 ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department

1 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund
2 shall remain available until expended.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 222. Of the amounts available in this title for
5 “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical
6 Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, a
7 minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the
8 DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as au-
9 thorized by section 8111(d) of title 38, United States
10 Code, to remain available until expended, for any purpose
11 authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

12 SEC. 223. None of the funds available to the Depart-
13 ment of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may
14 be used to replace the current system by which the Vet-
15 erans Integrated Service Networks select and contract for
16 diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.

17 SEC. 224. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-
18 tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
19 Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project
20 that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-
21 grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: *Pro-*
22 *vided*, That such notification shall occur within 14 days
23 of a contract identifying the programmed amount: *Pro-*
24 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Commit-
25 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14

1 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall
2 describe the anticipated use of such savings.

3 SEC. 225. None of the funds made available for
4 “Construction, Major Projects” may be used for a project
5 in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-
6 nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of
7 the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-
8 erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on
9 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

10 SEC. 226. Not later than 30 days after the end of
11 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
12 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
13 Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-
14 ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-
15 ministration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a min-
16 imum, the report shall include the direction contained in
17 the section entitled “Disability claims backlog”, under the
18 heading “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits
19 Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accom-
20 panying Public Law 114–223: *Provided further*, That the
21 report shall also include information on the number of ap-
22 peals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration as
23 well as the Board of Veterans Appeals on a quarterly
24 basis.

1 SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
2 provide written notification to the Committees on Appro-
3 priations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-
4 ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or
5 more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of
6 the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

7 SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
8 provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appro-
9 priations of both Houses of Congress notification of any
10 single national outreach and awareness marketing cam-
11 paign in which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon
14 determination that such action is necessary to address
15 needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-
16 fer to the “Medical Services” account not to exceed 3 per-
17 cent of any discretionary appropriations made available
18 for fiscal year 2027 in this title (except the appropriation
19 made to the “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Ben-
20 efits Administration” account) or not to exceed 3 percent
21 of any discretionary unobligated balances within the De-
22 partment of Veterans Affairs, including not to exceed 3
23 percent of those appropriated for fiscal year 2027, that
24 were provided in advance by appropriations Acts: *Pro-*
25 *vided*, That the transfer authority provided in this section

1 is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by
2 law: *Provided further*, That no amounts may be trans-
3 ferred from amounts that were designated by Congress as
4 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-
5 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
6 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
7 such authority to transfer may not be used unless for
8 higher priority items, based on emergent healthcare re-
9 quirements, than those for which originally appropriated
10 and in no case where the item for which funds are re-
11 quested has been denied by Congress: *Provided further*,
12 That, upon determination that all or part of the funds
13 transferred from an appropriation are not necessary, such
14 amounts may be transferred back to that appropriation
15 and shall be available for the same purposes as originally
16 appropriated: *Provided further*, That before a transfer may
17 take place pursuant to this section, the Secretary of Vet-
18 erans Affairs must provide written notification of the
19 amount and purpose of the transfer and subsequent ap-
20 proval from the Committees on Appropriations of both
21 Houses of Congress.

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 230. Amounts made available for the Depart-
24 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2027, under the
25 “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating

1 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts
2 may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That
3 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-
4 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-
5 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to
6 make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

7 SEC. 231. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not
8 reprogram funds among major construction projects or
9 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed
10 a cumulative \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is
11 approved by the Committees on Appropriations of both
12 Houses of Congress.

13 SEC. 232. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
14 ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section
15 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

16 (1) provides to individuals who contact the hot-
17 line immediate assistance from a trained profes-
18 sional; and

19 (2) adheres to all requirements of the American
20 Association of Suicidology.

21 (b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act
22 may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Execu-
23 tive action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
24 from appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil
25 service position, or establishing a new civil service position,

1 at the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to
2 such a position relating to the hotline specified in sub-
3 section (a).

4 (2) In this subsection—

5 (A) the term “civil service” has the meaning
6 given such term in section 2101(1) of title 5, United
7 States Code; and

8 (B) the term “Executive action” includes—

9 (i) any Executive order, Presidential
10 memorandum, or other action by the President;
11 and

12 (ii) any agency policy, order, or other di-
13 rective.

14 (c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall con-
15 duct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified
16 in subsection (a) during the 5-year period beginning on
17 January 1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide
18 data and data collected from such hotline.

19 (2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph
20 (1) shall—

21 (A) determine the number of veterans who con-
22 tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who
23 receive follow up services from the hotline or mental
24 health services from the Department of Veterans Af-
25 fairs thereafter;

1 (B) determine the number of veterans who con-
2 tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not
3 continue receiving, mental health care who commit
4 suicide; and

5 (C) determine the number of veterans described
6 in subparagraph (A) who commit or attempt suicide.

7 SEC. 233. Effective during the period beginning on
8 October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2028, none
9 of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans
10 Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or ex-
11 pended in contravention of the “Veterans Health Adminis-
12 tration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement
13 on the Veterans Health Administration’s Screening for
14 Breast Cancer Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as
15 issued by the Veterans Health Administration National
16 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

17 SEC. 234. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
18 of law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made avail-
19 able to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Med-
20 ical Services” account may be used to provide—

21 (1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-
22 sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran
23 or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

24 (2) adoption reimbursement to a covered vet-
25 eran.

1 (b) In this section:

2 (1) The term “service-connected” has the
3 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38,
4 United States Code.

5 (2) The term “covered veteran” means a vet-
6 eran, as such term is defined in section 101 of title
7 38, United States Code, who has a service-connected
8 disability that results in the inability of the veteran
9 to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

10 (3) The term “assisted reproductive tech-
11 nology” means benefits relating to reproductive as-
12 sistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces
13 who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty
14 pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United
15 States Code, as described in the memorandum on
16 the subject of “Policy for Assisted Reproductive
17 Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/
18 Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service
19 Members” issued by the Assistant Secretary of De-
20 fense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the
21 guidance issued to implement such policy, including
22 any limitations on the amount of such benefits avail-
23 able to such a member except that—

24 (A) the time periods regarding embryo
25 cryopreservation and storage set forth in part

1 III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum
2 shall not apply; and

3 (B) such term includes embryo
4 cryopreservation and storage without limitation
5 on the duration of such cryopreservation and
6 storage.

7 (4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means
8 reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for
9 an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-
10 actment of this Act under the same terms as apply
11 under the adoption reimbursement program of the
12 Department of Defense, as authorized in Depart-
13 ment of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the
14 reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in
15 such instruction.

16 (c) Amounts made available for the purposes speci-
17 fied in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the
18 requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division
19 H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public
20 Law 115–141).

21 SEC. 235. None of the funds appropriated or other-
22 wise made available by this Act or any other Act for the
23 Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner
24 that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transpor-
25 tation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the

1 Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent
2 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115;
3 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38,
4 United States Code.

5 SEC. 236. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall
6 not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the
7 Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Ad-
8 ministration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-
9 tractor performance by a business concern that is at least
10 51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined
11 in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one
12 or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-
13 tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

14 SEC. 237. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in
15 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
16 retary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using So-
17 cial Security account numbers to authenticate individuals
18 in all information systems of the Department of Veterans
19 Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30,
20 2027.

21 (b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and
22 use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-
23 vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United
24 States Code, in an information system of the Department

1 of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number
2 is necessary to:

3 (1) obtain or provide information the Secretary
4 requires from an information system that is not
5 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

6 (2) comply with a law, regulation, or court
7 order;

8 (3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

9 (4) identify a specific individual where no ade-
10 quate substitute is available.

11 (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-
12 sede section 237 of division A of Public Law 119–37.

13 SEC. 238. For funds provided to the Department of
14 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2027 and 2028
15 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public
16 Law 114–223 shall apply.

17 SEC. 239. None of the funds appropriated in this or
18 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to
19 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-
20 fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-
21 pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-
22 ment of Veterans Affairs.

23 SEC. 240. Of the funds provided to the Department
24 of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2027 and fiscal
25 year 2028 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in

1 each year to carry out and expand the child care program
2 authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-
3 withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

4 SEC. 241. None of the funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available in this title may be used by the Sec-
6 retary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement re-
7 lated to resolving a dispute or claim with an individual
8 that would restrict in any way the individual from speak-
9 ing to Members of Congress or their staff on any topic
10 not otherwise prohibited from disclosure by Federal law
11 or required by Executive order to be kept secret in the
12 interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign af-
13 fairs.

14 SEC. 242. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
15 erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny
16 an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access
17 to any records, documents, or other materials available to
18 the department or agency over which that Inspector Gen-
19 eral has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act
20 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), or to prevent or impede
21 the access of the Inspector General to such records, docu-
22 ments, or other materials, under any provision of law, ex-
23 cept a provision of law that expressly refers to such In-
24 spector General and expressly limits the right of access.

1 (b) A department or agency covered by this section
2 shall provide its Inspector General access to all records,
3 documents, and other materials in a timely manner.

4 (c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance
5 with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-
6 formation provided by the establishment over which that
7 Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector
8 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.).

9 (d) Each Inspector General covered by this section
10 shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the
11 Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House
12 of Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure
13 by any department or agency covered by this section to
14 comply with this requirement.

15 SEC. 243. None of the funds made available in this
16 Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait
17 times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of
18 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

19 SEC. 244. None of the funds appropriated or other-
20 wise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health
21 Administration may be used in fiscal year 2027 to convert
22 any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-
23 cal year 2026 to a general purpose funded program unless
24 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-
25 tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-

1 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior
2 to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-
3 mittees.

4 SEC. 245. For funds provided to the Department of
5 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2027 and 2028,
6 section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
7 apply.

8 SEC. 246. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
9 erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct
10 research commencing on or after July 1, 2025, that uses
11 any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the Sec-
12 retary of Veterans Affairs approves such research specifi-
13 cally and in writing pursuant to subsection (b).

14 (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve
15 the conduct of research commencing on or after July 1,
16 2025, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if the
17 Secretary certifies that—

18 (A) the scientific objectives of the research can
19 only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-
20 human primates and cannot be met using other ani-
21 mal models, in vitro models, computational models,
22 human clinical studies, or other research alter-
23 natives;

24 (B) such scientific objectives are necessary to
25 advance research benefiting veterans and are directly

1 related to an illness or injury that is combat-related
2 as defined by 10 U.S.C. 1413(e);

3 (C) the research is consistent with the revised
4 Department of Veterans Affairs canine research pol-
5 icy document dated December 15, 2017, including
6 any subsequent revisions to such document; and

7 (D) ethical considerations regarding minimizing
8 the harm experienced by canines, felines, or non-
9 human primates are included in evaluating the sci-
10 entific necessity of the research.

11 (2) The Secretary may not delegate the authority
12 under this subsection.

13 (c) If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-
14 ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the
15 commencement of such research, the Secretary shall sub-
16 mit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate
17 and House of Representatives a report describing—

18 (1) the nature of the research to be conducted
19 using canines, felines, or non-human primates;

20 (2) the date on which the Secretary approved
21 the research;

22 (3) the USDA pain category on the approved
23 use;

24 (4) the justification for the determination of the
25 Secretary that the scientific objectives of such re-

1 search could only be met using canines, felines, or
2 non-human primates, and methods used to make
3 such determination;

4 (5) the frequency and duration of such re-
5 search; and

6 (6) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-
7 sity, safety, and efficacy of the research, and animal
8 welfare.

9 (d) The Secretary shall submit a biannual report to
10 such Committees describing—

11 (1) any research being conducted by the De-
12 partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,
13 or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-
14 mittal of the report;

15 (2) the circumstances under which such re-
16 search was conducted using canines, felines, or non-
17 human primates;

18 (3) the justification for using canines, felines,
19 or non-human primates to conduct such research;

20 (4) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-
21 sity, safety, and efficacy of such research; and

22 (5) the development and adoption of alter-
23 natives to canines, felines, or non-human primate re-
24 search.

1 (e) The Department of Veterans Affairs must submit
2 to voluntary U.S. Department of Agriculture inspections
3 of canine, feline, and non-human primate research facili-
4 ties.

5 (f) The Secretary shall submit an annual report to
6 such Committees describing—

7 (1) any violations of the Animal Welfare Act,
8 the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care
9 and Use of Laboratory Animals, or other Depart-
10 ment of Veterans Affairs policies related to oversight
11 of animal research found during that quarter in VA
12 research facilities;

13 (2) immediate corrective actions taken; and

14 (3) specific actions taken to prevent their recur-
15 rence.

16 SEC. 247. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
17 use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in
18 this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time
19 employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-
20 tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States
21 Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time em-
22 ployment equivalent.

23 (b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
24 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
25 gress a report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted

1 under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, includ-
2 ing—

3 (1) an assessment of the veteran-to-staff ratio
4 for each such program; and

5 (2) recommendations for such action as the
6 Secretary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-
7 to-staff ratio for each such program.

8 SEC. 248. Amounts made available for the “Veterans
9 Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-
10 count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2027 and
11 2028 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be
12 payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by
13 section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-
14 ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

15 SEC. 249. Obligations and expenditures applicable to
16 the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017
17 through 2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by
18 section 1741 of title 38, United States Code) shall remain
19 in the “Medical Community Care” account for such fiscal
20 years.

21 SEC. 250. Of the amounts made available for the De-
22 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2027, in this
23 or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-
24 tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-
25 tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-

1 ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, “Vet-
2 erans Health Administration—Medical Facilities”, and
3 “Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund” accounts,
4 \$1,444,000,000 shall be made available for gender-specific
5 care and programmatic efforts to deliver care for women
6 veterans; \$700,000,000 shall be made available for suicide
7 prevention outreach programs; \$3,500,000,000 shall be
8 made available for the Caregivers program; \$42,000,000
9 shall be made available for the National Center for Post-
10 Traumatic Stress Disorder; \$80,000,000 shall be made
11 available for the Neurology Centers of Excellence;
12 \$349,000,000 shall be made available for rural health
13 care; \$3,459,121,000 shall be made available for veterans’
14 homelessness programs; \$6,365,000,000 shall be made
15 available for telehealth for veterans; \$709,573,000 shall
16 be made available for opioid prevention and treatment pro-
17 grams; and, \$31,997,000 shall be made available for the
18 Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program.

19 SEC. 251. Of the unobligated balances available in
20 fiscal year 2027 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-
21 formational Fund” established in section 243 of division
22 J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds
23 otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,
24 or subsequent fiscal years, \$1,450,000,000 shall be avail-
25 able for constructing, altering, extending, and improving

1 medical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration,
2 including all supporting activities and required contin-
3 gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund: *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That prior to obligation of any of the funds pro-
5 vided in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 must provide a plan for the execution of the funds appro-
7 priated in this section to the Committees on Appropria-
8 tions of both Houses of Congress and such Committees
9 issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30
10 days has elapsed.

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 SEC. 252. Not later than 30 days after enactment
13 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees
14 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-
15 ture plan for funds made available in this Act and any
16 available unobligated balances from prior Acts: *Provided*,
17 That the budget resource categories supporting the Vet-
18 erans Health Administration shall be reported by the sub-
19 categories “Medical Services”, “Medical Community
20 Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical
21 and Prosthetic Research”: *Provided further*, That not later
22 than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Sec-
23 retary shall submit a quarterly report on the status of the
24 funds, including, at a minimum, an update on obligations
25 by program, project or activity.

1 SEC. 253. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary
2 and administered by a corporation referred to in section
3 7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October
4 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 for purposes of carrying
5 out an order placed with the Department of Veterans Af-
6 fairs pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States
7 Code, that are available for obligation pursuant to section
8 7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain
9 available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred
10 by such corporation during the period of performance of
11 such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Af-
12 fairs determines that such amounts need to remain avail-
13 able for such liquidation.

14 SEC. 254. None of the funds in this or any other Act
15 may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs hos-
16 pitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental
17 assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing
18 Veterans Health Administration medical facilities as part
19 of a planned realignment of services until the Secretary
20 provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both
21 Houses of Congress a report including an analysis of how
22 any such planned realignment of services will impact ac-
23 cess to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural
24 areas, including travel distances and transportation costs

1 to access a Department medical facility and availability
2 of local specialty and primary care.

3 SEC. 255. Unobligated balances available under the
4 headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-
5 tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary
6 of Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section
7 2(e)(1) of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-
8 erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016
9 (Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended,
10 to provide additional funds or to fund an escalation clause
11 under such section of such Act: *Provided*, That before such
12 unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this sec-
13 tion, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from
14 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
15 gress the authority to obligate such unobligated balances
16 and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a re-
17 sponse, a period of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*,
18 That the request to obligate such unobligated balances
19 must provide Congress notice that the entity described in
20 section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114–294, as amended, has
21 exhausted available cost containment approaches as set
22 forth in the agreement under section 2(c) of such Public
23 Law.

24 SEC. 256. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this
25 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for

1 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated,
2 awarded, or expended to procure or purchase covered in-
3 formation technology equipment in cases where the manu-
4 facturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent
5 entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the
6 equipment is an entity, or parent company of an entity
7 listed on any of the following:

8 (1) the Department of Defense’s Chinese Mili-
9 tary Company List;

10 (2) the Department of the Treasury’s Non-
11 SDN Chinese Military Industrial Complex Compa-
12 nies List;

13 (3) the Department of Commerce’s Denied Per-
14 sons List, Entity List, or Military End User List, if
15 the entity is—

16 (A) an agency or instrumentality of the
17 People’s Republic of China;

18 (B) an entity headquartered in the Peo-
19 ple’s Republic of China; or

20 (C) directly or indirectly owned or con-
21 trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity
22 described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or

23 (4) the Department of Homeland Security’s
24 Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES.—The prohi-
2 bition in subsection (a) also applies in cases in which the
3 Secretary has contracted with a third party for the pro-
4 curement, purchase, or expenditure of funds on any of the
5 equipment and software described in such subsection.

6 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
7 term “covered information technology equipment” shall
8 mean the following equipment used in an office environ-
9 ment: computers, printers, or interoperable
10 videoconferencing equipment used in or by the Depart-
11 ment of Veterans Affairs directly. “Covered information
12 technology equipment” shall not refer to services that use
13 such equipment, including cloud services.

14 SEC. 257. During the period beginning on October
15 1, 2026 and ending on September 30, 2027, none of the
16 funds made available by this Act may be used to admin-
17 ister, implement, or enforce the final rule issued by the
18 Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to “Change in Rates
19 VA Pays for Special Modes of Transportation” (88 Fed.
20 Reg. 10032) and published on February 16, 2023.

21 SEC. 258. None of the funds appropriated or other-
22 wise made available by this Act may be used to pay award
23 or incentive fees for contractors whose performance has
24 been judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over
25 budget, or has failed to meet the basic requirements of

1 a contract, unless the Agency determines that any such
2 deviations are due to unforeseeable events, government-
3 driven scope changes, or are not significant within the
4 overall scope of the project and/or program and unless
5 such awards or incentive fees are consistent with section
6 16.401(e)(2) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

7 SEC. 259. The Department is directed to maintain
8 staffing levels to facilitate the Department's own goals,
9 including that benefits claims are adjudicated according
10 to the 125 day goal, and that healthcare appointments and
11 service are provided in the timeframes required by statute
12 and regulation.

13 SEC. 260. Notwithstanding any other law, by no later
14 than September 30, 2027, the Secretary shall commence
15 construction of the Community Based Outpatient Clinic
16 in Bakersfield, California or move services currently being
17 provided at the current Community Based Outpatient
18 Clinic in Bakersfield, California to an appropriate, tem-
19 porary space until such a time that the new facility can
20 be constructed in accordance with Lease
21 No.36C10F20L0008.

22 SEC. 261. None of the funds made available by this
23 Act may be used to reduce the staffing, hours of operation,
24 or services of the Veterans Crisis Line or any other suicide

- 1 prevention program of the Department of Veterans Af-
- 2 fairs.

1 TITLE III
2 RELATED AGENCIES
3 AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION
4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
6 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including
7 the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign coun-
8 tries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of
9 national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United
10 States and its territories and possessions; rent of office
11 and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-
12 one replacement basis only) and hire of passenger motor
13 vehicles; not to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and
14 representation expenses; and insurance of official motor
15 vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such
16 countries, \$107,925,000, to remain available until ex-
17 pended.

18 FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

19 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
20 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such
21 sums as may be necessary, to remain available until ex-
22 pended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title
23 36, United States Code.

1 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS
2 CLAIMS
3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For necessary expenses for the operation of the
5 United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as
6 authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38,
7 United States Code, \$50,000,000, of which \$3,000,000
8 shall be available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*,
9 That \$4,300,000 shall be available for the purpose of pro-
10 viding financial assistance as described and in accordance
11 with the process and reporting procedures set forth under
12 this heading in Public Law 102–229.

13 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL
14 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY
15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,
17 and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-
18 diers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including
19 the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for re-
20 placement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed
21 \$2,000 for official reception and representation expenses,
22 \$118,000,000, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall
23 remain available until September 30, 2029. In addition,
24 such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance,
25 repairs and replacement, to be derived from the “Lease

1 of Department of Defense Real Property for Defense
2 Agencies’’ account.

3 ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

4 TRUST FUND

5 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-
6 ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces
7 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia,
8 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-
9 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed
10 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$77,000,000, to re-
11 main available until September 30, 2028, of which
12 \$2,000,000 shall remain available until expended for con-
13 struction and renovation of the physical plants at the
14 Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of
15 Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—
16 Gulfport, Mississippi: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
17 available under this heading from funds available in the
18 Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund,
19 \$27,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the
20 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

22 SEC. 301. Amounts deposited into the special account
23 established under 10 U.S.C. 7727 are appropriated and
24 shall be available until expended to support activities at
25 the Army National Military Cemeteries.

1 TITLE IV

2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

3 SEC. 401. No part of any appropriation contained in
4 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
5 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

6 SEC. 402. None of the funds made available in this
7 Act may be used for any program, project, or activity,
8 when it is made known to the Federal entity or official
9 to which the funds are made available that the program,
10 project, or activity is not in compliance with any Federal
11 law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private
12 property rights, or unfunded mandates.

13 SEC. 403. All departments and agencies funded under
14 this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing
15 statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of
16 “E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the con-
17 duct of their business practices and public service activi-
18 ties.

19 SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and no-
20 tifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the
21 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Af-
22 fairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appro-
23 priations of the House of Representatives and the Sub-
24 committee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,

1 and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations
2 of the Senate.

3 SEC. 405. None of the funds made available in this
4 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
5 strumentality of the United States Government except
6 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
7 vided in, this or any other appropriations Act.

8 SEC. 406. None of the funds made available in this
9 Act may be used for a project or program named for an
10 individual serving as a Member, Delegate, or Resident
11 Commissioner of the United States House of Representa-
12 tives.

13 SEC. 407. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-
14 able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),
15 post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-
16 quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any
17 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-
18 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

19 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—

20 (1) the public posting of the report com-
21 promises national security; or

22 (2) the report contains confidential or propri-
23 etary information.

24 (c) The head of the agency posting such report shall
25 do so only after such report has been made available to

1 the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for
2 no less than 45 days.

3 SEC. 408. (a) None of the funds made available in
4 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
5 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
6 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

7 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
8 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
9 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
10 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

11 SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this
12 Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch
13 to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency
14 in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–
15 10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

16 SEC. 410. None of the funds made available in this
17 Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or serv-
18 ices, including construction services, where the contractor
19 has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

20 SEC. 411. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used in contravention of section 101(f)(8) of
22 title 10, United States Code.

23 SEC. 412. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-
24 propriated or otherwise made available to the Department
25 of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate,

1 or expand any facility in the United States, its territories,
2 or possessions to house any individual detained at United
3 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the
4 purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or
5 under the control of the Department of Defense.

6 (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply
7 to any modification of facilities at United States Naval
8 Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

9 (c) An individual described in this subsection is any
10 individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United
11 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and who—

12 (1) is not a citizen of the United States or a
13 member of the Armed Forces of the United States;
14 and

15 (2) is—

16 (A) in the custody or under the effective
17 control of the Department of Defense; or

18 (B) otherwise under detention at United
19 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

20 SEC. 413. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
22 under section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any
23 case arising out of the administration by the Secretary of
24 laws and benefits under such title, to report a person who
25 is deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent,

1 or to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness
2 as a person who has been adjudicated as a mental defec-
3 tive under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of
4 title 18, United States Code, without the order or finding
5 of a judge, magistrate, or other judicial authority of com-
6 petent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself
7 or herself or others.

8 SEC. 414. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
9 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
10 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
11 matter pending before Congress, other than to commu-
12 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
13 1913.

14 SEC. 415. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-
15 sure that the policies and requirements described in the
16 transmittal sheet of the Veterans Health Administration
17 published on August 8, 2019, titled “Smoke-Free Policy
18 for Employees at VA Health Care Facilities (VHA Direc-
19 tive 1085.01)” remain in effect.

20 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

21 SEC. 416. \$0.

22 This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-
23 tion, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropria-
24 tions Act, 2027”.

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