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To bolster upgrades and infrastructure for lasting development at the
Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MORAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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ment at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 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 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Veterans’ Infrastructure and Transformation Act of
6 2025” or the “VITAL Act of 2025”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

- Sec. 2. Modification of authority for sharing of health-care resources of Department of Veterans Affairs to include flexible space utilization and streamlined service agreements.
- Sec. 3. Use of commercial construction and facilities code and standards.
- Sec. 4. Exchanges of real property via enhanced-use lease.
- Sec. 5. Pilot program on authority of Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for noncash consideration.
- Sec. 6. Feasibility studies for outleasing facilities of Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Sec. 7. Report on strategic plan for infrastructure and capital assets of Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Sec. 8. Contracting for construction project management services.
- Sec. 9. Expansion and extension of pilot program on acceptance by the Department of Veterans Affairs of donated facilities and related improvements.
- Sec. 10. Reforming requirements and authorities of Director of Construction and Facilities Management of Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Sec. 11. Consolidation of construction and leasing activities of Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Sec. 12. Consolidation of Department of Veterans Affairs acquisition, procurement, and logistics.
- Sec. 13. Reports to Congress.
- Sec. 14. General limitation on obligations.

1 SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR SHARING OF
2 HEALTH-CARE RESOURCES OF DEPARTMENT
3 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO INCLUDE FLEXI-
4 BLE SPACE UTILIZATION AND STREAMLINED
5 SERVICE AGREEMENTS.

6 Section 8153 of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
10 “physical” before “space”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by inserting
12 “physical” before “space”;

13 (C) by striking subparagraph (E);

1 (D) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
2 and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respec-
3 tively;

4 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
5 the following new subparagraph (C):

6 “(C) If the health-care resource required is physical
7 space or common services and is to be acquired from an
8 institution affiliated with the Department in accordance
9 with section 7302 of this title or another entity, the Sec-
10 retary may make arrangements, by contract, resource-
11 sharing agreement, space-sharing agreement, or other
12 form of agreement, for the acquisition of the space or serv-
13 ice—

14 “(i) without regard to any law or regulation (in-
15 cluding any Executive order, circular, or other ad-
16 ministrative policy) that would otherwise require the
17 use of competitive procedures for acquiring the re-
18 source; and

19 “(ii) if all obligations are funded through avail-
20 able appropriations or borne by the institution or en-
21 tity, without regard to any limitations applicable to
22 leases of the Department.”;

23 (F) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated
24 by subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, by

1 striking “subparagraph (A) or (B)” and insert-
 2 ing “subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)”; and
 3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(h) In this section:

5 “(1) The term ‘commercial service’ means a
 6 service that is offered and sold competitively in the
 7 commercial marketplace, is performed under stand-
 8 ard commercial terms and conditions, and is pro-
 9 cured using firm-fixed price contracts.

10 “(2) The term ‘common service’ means a com-
 11 mercial service necessary to maintain or operate
 12 physical space, including maintenance, heating, ven-
 13 tilation, air conditioning, electricity, energy, water,
 14 wastewater, landscaping, security, laundry, or any
 15 other service as determined by the Secretary.

16 “(3) The term ‘physical space’ means one or
 17 more buildings, a portion of a building, or parking
 18 facilities.”.

19 **SEC. 3. USE OF COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION AND FACILI-**
 20 **TIES CODE AND STANDARDS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 22 may use commercial codes and standards instead of or in
 23 addition to Federal codes and standards in the construc-
 24 tion or alteration of facilities of the Department of Vet-
 25 erans Affairs.

1 (b) PILOT PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall under-
2 take not fewer than 3 pilot projects during each of fiscal
3 years 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, and 2031 utilizing com-
4 mercial codes and standards instead of Federal codes and
5 standards to lease or construct facilities of the Depart-
6 ment.

7 (c) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit a report
8 to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and
9 the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives not later than 90 days after the end of each
11 of fiscal years 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, and 2031 detailing
12 the use by the Secretary of the authority provided by sub-
13 section (a) and conduct of each pilot project required by
14 subsection (b) that was initiated, ongoing, or completed
15 during the fiscal year.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) The term “commercial codes and stand-
18 ards” means building codes or standards of the fol-
19 lowing:

20 (A) The National Fire Protection Associa-
21 tion.

22 (B) The International Code Council.

23 (C) The American Society for Testing and
24 Materials.

1 (D) The American Society of Civil Engi-
 2 neers.

3 (E) The State or local jurisdiction in which
 4 the facility of the Department for which the
 5 Secretary is applying the authority in sub-
 6 section (a) is located.

7 (2) The term “Federal codes and standards”
 8 means the following:

9 (A) The Technical Information Library of
 10 the Department.

11 (B) The Unified Facilities Criteria of the
 12 Department of Defense.

13 (C) Building codes or standards of Federal
 14 agencies other than the Department.

15 **SEC. 4. EXCHANGES OF REAL PROPERTY VIA ENHANCED-**
 16 **USE LEASE.**

17 Section 8162(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
 18 amended by striking paragraphs (2) through (6) and in-
 19 serting the following:

20 “(3)(A) For any enhanced-use lease entered into by
 21 the Secretary, the lease consideration provided to the Sec-
 22 retary shall consist solely of cash at fair value as deter-
 23 mined by the Secretary, except in the case of an exchange
 24 of leased properties assessed to be of similar value.

1 “(B) The Secretary may enter into an en-
2 hanced-use lease without receiving consideration.

3 “(C) The Secretary may not waive or postpone
4 the obligation of a lessee to pay any consideration
5 under an enhanced-use lease, including monthly
6 rent.

7 “(4) The terms of an enhanced-use lease may provide
8 for the Secretary to use minor construction funds for cap-
9 ital contribution payments.

10 “(5) The Office of Management and Budget shall re-
11 view each enhanced-use lease before the lease goes into
12 effect.”.

13 **SEC. 5. PILOT PROGRAM ON AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF**
14 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO ENTER INTO EN-**
15 **HANCED-USE LEASES FOR NONCASH CONSID-**
16 **ERATION.**

17 (a) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
18 Veterans Affairs shall carry out a pilot program to assess
19 the feasibility and advisability of entering into enhanced-
20 use leases for noncash consideration.

21 (b) ENHANCED-USE LEASES.—Under the pilot pro-
22 gram required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall enter
23 into at least one enhanced-use lease, but not more than
24 three enhanced-use leases, under section 8162 of title 38,
25 United States Code.

1 (c) LOCATIONS.—The enhanced-use leases entered
 2 into under the pilot program required by subsection (a)
 3 shall be in such locations as the Secretary considers appro-
 4 priate for purposes of the pilot program.

5 (d) CONSIDERATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraphs
 7 (3)(A), (3)(B), and (5) of section 8162(b) of such
 8 title and subject to the availability of appropriations
 9 and the provisions of this subsection, for an en-
 10 hanced-use lease entered into by the Secretary under
 11 the pilot program required by subsection (a), the
 12 lease consideration provided to the Secretary may
 13 consist of noncash consideration at fair value as de-
 14 termined by the Secretary.

15 (2) LIMITATIONS.—Noncash consideration re-
 16 ceived for an enhanced-use lease under the pilot pro-
 17 gram required by subsection (a) may consist of only
 18 the following:

19 (A) Title transfer of real property.

20 (B) Infrastructure improvements.

21 (C) Design services.

22 (D) Construction services.

23 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—The authority to accept
 24 consideration described in paragraph (1) shall be
 25 subject to the following:

1 (A) Any facility accepted as noncash con-
2 sideration for an enhanced-use lease is substan-
3 tially complete within 10 years of entering into
4 the enhanced-use lease, excluding commis-
5 sioning and warranty services.

6 (B) The partner entity assumes full re-
7 sponsibility for all maintenance, operations, and
8 service costs associated with noncash consider-
9 ation for the duration of the enhanced-use lease
10 and any subsequent use by the Department, un-
11 less explicitly funded through appropriations.

12 (e) CAPITAL ASSET FUND.—Notwithstanding section
13 8118(b)(3) of title 38, United States Code, amounts in
14 the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund
15 may be used for enhanced-use leases under the pilot pro-
16 gram required by subsection (a) for the purposes of sub-
17 paragraph (C) of such section, without reference to the
18 amount limitation in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of such title,
19 if such use is subject to the availability of appropriations.

20 (f) FISCAL OVERSIGHT AND REPORTING.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, not
22 later than 90 days after the last day of the fiscal
23 year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a re-
24 port on the enhanced-use leases entered into under

1 the pilot program required by subsection (a) that
2 were in effect in that fiscal year.

3 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted pursu-
4 ant to paragraph (1) shall include, for the fiscal year
5 covered by the report, the following:

6 (A) Details of the fiscal impact of each en-
7 hanced-use leases entered into under the pilot
8 program required by subsection (a) that was in
9 effect, including the following:

10 (i) Comprehensive budget justification
11 for all obligations incurred.

12 (ii) The funding sources for such obli-
13 gations.

14 (iii) Confirmation that all associated
15 costs are within appropriated budgets.

16 (B) An assessment of any potential future
17 costs and mitigation strategies to ensure com-
18 pliance with discretionary funding.

19 (g) LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS.—No enhanced-use
20 lease under the pilot program required by subsection (a)
21 shall impose a financial or operational obligation on the
22 Department beyond the availability of appropriations, and
23 any agreement regarding an enhanced-use lease shall in-
24 clude a provision ensuring that maintenance, operations,
25 or service costs associated with noncash consideration is

1 borne by the partner entity or explicitly funded through
 2 appropriations for the entire lifecycle of the enhanced-use
 3 lease or facility use.

4 (h) SUNSET.—The authorities provided under this
 5 section shall terminate on the date that is seven years
 6 after the date of the enactment of this Act. Such termi-
 7 nation shall not affect the validity or terms of an en-
 8 hanced-use lease entered into under this section, consider-
 9 ation accepted under this section, or the availability of
 10 amounts for an enhanced-use lease, provided that all obli-
 11 gations remain subject to the availability of appropria-
 12 tions.

13 (i) DEFINITION OF ENHANCED-USE LEASE.—In this
 14 section, the term “enhanced-use lease” has the meaning
 15 given such term in section 8162(a)(1) of title 38, United
 16 States Code.

17 **SEC. 6. FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR OUTLEASING FACILI-**
 18 **TIES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
 19 **FAIRS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
 21 fairs, subject to the availability of funds for such purposes,
 22 may conduct feasibility studies to evaluate the potential
 23 outleasing of existing medical facilities of the Department
 24 of Veterans Affairs to generate resources, including in-
 25 kind consideration such as the construction of new facili-

1 ties at alternative locations, to meet current and future
2 health care needs of veterans.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each feasibility study conducted
4 under subsection (a) shall—

5 (1) assess the financial, operational, and stra-
6 tegic impacts of outleasing medical facilities of the
7 Department, including the potential for reinvesting
8 proceeds or in-kind contributions into new or mod-
9 ernized facilities of the Department; and

10 (2) consider that any resulting obligations in
11 connection with such outleasing shall be funded
12 through appropriations or borne by the partner enti-
13 ty for the entire lifecycle of the outleasing arrange-
14 ment.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after con-
16 ducting any feasibility study under subsection (a), the Sec-
17 retary shall submit to Congress a report detailing—

18 (1) the findings of the Secretary with respect to
19 such study;

20 (2) the recommendations of the Secretary for
21 potential outleasing arrangements pursuant to such
22 study; and

23 (3) a budget justification confirming that all
24 costs for such arrangements are within appropriated
25 funds or covered by the partner entity.

1 **SEC. 7. REPORT ON STRATEGIC PLAN FOR INFRASTRUC-**
2 **TURE AND CAPITAL ASSETS OF DEPARTMENT**
3 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs
7 of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of
8 the House of Representatives a report on the strategic
9 plan for infrastructure and capital assets of the Depart-
10 ment of Veterans Affairs, which summarizes a facility
11 lifecycle strategy targeting modernization of owned and
12 leased facilities and infrastructure required to mitigate in-
13 creasing systemic failures, veteran and staff safety, bene-
14 fits delivery interruptions, and funding associated to ad-
15 dress emergency repairs.

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
17 (a) shall cover known and projected requirements over a
18 period of not less than 10 years for the following:

19 (1) Land acquisition.

20 (2) Operations and maintenance of facilities of
21 the existing capital asset portfolio of the Depart-
22 ment.

23 (3) Operations and maintenance of the planned
24 future capital asset portfolio of the Department.

1 (4) New construction, disaggregated by type of
2 new construction, including the following types of
3 construction:

4 (A) Major construction.

5 (B) Minor construction.

6 (C) Nonrecurring maintenance.

7 (5) Leasing.

8 (6) Alternative acquisition methods, such as
9 partnerships and donations.

10 (7) Activation of space.

11 (8) Disposal, reuse, and remediation.

12 (9) Facility lifecycle strategy process supporting
13 the planning, programming delivery, management,
14 and maintenance of the current and future capital
15 asset portfolio of the Department.

16 (10) A discussion of the negative effect of the
17 lack of stable and predictable capital asset funding
18 on the ability of the Department to plan, staff, and
19 execute effective capital asset management.

20 (11) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
21 siders appropriate, including with respect to legisla-
22 tive or administrative action, provided such actions
23 are subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

24 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
25 tion or a report submitted under this section shall be con-

1 strued to create or imply any financial or operational obli-
 2 gation beyond the availability of appropriated funds.

3 **SEC. 8. CONTRACTING FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MAN-**
 4 **AGEMENT SERVICES.**

5 Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Sec-
 6 retary of Veterans Affairs may contract with private enti-
 7 ties for comprehensive construction project management
 8 services, including the provision of entire project teams.
 9 Such teams shall be led by an official designated by the
 10 Secretary, and the services shall be treated as a contracted
 11 service rather than individual personnel hires.

12 **SEC. 9. EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM**
 13 **ON ACCEPTANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF**
 14 **VETERANS AFFAIRS OF DONATED FACILITIES**
 15 **AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS.**

16 (a) EXPANSION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(1) of section
 18 2 of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-
 19 erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of
 20 2016 (Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note)
 21 is amended—

22 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

23 (A), by striking “property”; and

24 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 25 subparagraph:

1 “(C) A minor construction or nonrecurring
2 maintenance project of the Department.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section
4 is further amended—

5 (A) in subsection (b)—

6 (i) in the heading, by striking “OF
7 PROPERTY”;

8 (ii) in the matter preceding paragraph
9 (1), by striking “the donation of a prop-
10 erty” and inserting “a donation”;

11 (iii) in paragraph (1)—

12 (I) by inserting “or project” after
13 “property” each place it appears; and

14 (II) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by
15 inserting “or the five-year develop-
16 ment plan of the Department” after
17 “priority list”; and

18 (iv) in paragraph (2), by inserting
19 “project,” after “improvements,”;

20 (B) in subsection (c)—

21 (i) in paragraph (1)—

22 (I) in the matter preceding sub-
23 paragraph (A), by striking “real prop-
24 erty and improvements donated under

1 the pilot program” and inserting “a
2 donation”;

3 (II) in subparagraph (A), by
4 striking “; or” and inserting a semi-
5 colon;

6 (III) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by
7 striking the period at the end and in-
8 serting “; or”; and

9 (IV) by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new subparagraph:

11 “(C) the performance of a minor construc-
12 tion or nonrecurring maintenance project of the
13 Department.”; and

14 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

15 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
16 ing “construction of the facility” and
17 inserting “donation”;

18 (II) in subparagraph (B), by in-
19 serting “maintaining,” after “alter-
20 ing,”; and

21 (III) in subparagraph (C), by
22 striking “construction of the facility”
23 and inserting “donation”;

24 (C) in subsection (e)(1)—

25 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (I) by inserting “alter, main-
2 tain,” after “design,”;

3 (II) by striking “real property
4 and improvements donated” and in-
5 serting “a donation”; and

6 (III) by striking “of the real
7 property and improvements”; and
8 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (I) in the matter preceding clause
10 (i), by inserting “alter, maintain,”
11 after “design,”; and

12 (II) in clause (ii)(I), by striking
13 “construction and donation of the real
14 property and improvements” and in-
15 serting “donation”; and

16 (D) in subsection (g)—

17 (i) in paragraph (1)—

18 (I) by striking “real property and
19 improvements donated” and inserting
20 “donations”; and

21 (II) by striking “that property”
22 and inserting “that donation”; and
23 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

24 (I) by striking “of real property
25 and improvements conducted”; and

1 (II) by striking “that property”
 2 and inserting “those donations”.

3 (b) EXTENSION.—Such section is further amended,
 4 in subsection (i), by striking “December 16, 2026” and
 5 inserting “December 16, 2031”.

6 **SEC. 10. REFORMING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORITIES**
 7 **OF DIRECTOR OF CONSTRUCTION AND FA-**
 8 **CILITIES MANAGEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF**
 9 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

10 Section 312A of title 38, United States Code, is
 11 amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)(4), by inserting “, the
 13 Under Secretary for Health, and the Chief Acquisi-
 14 tion Officer” after “Deputy Secretary”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 16 section:

17 “(d) SUPERVISION OF EMPLOYEES.—(1) All employ-
 18 ees of the Department engaged in the following activities
 19 shall report to the Director of Construction and Facilities
 20 Management:

21 “(A) Planning, design, and construction of fa-
 22 cilities and infrastructure of the Department, includ-
 23 ing major medical facility projects and minor med-
 24 ical facility projects.

1 “(B) Developing and updating short-range and
2 long-range strategic capital investment strategies
3 and plans of the Department.

4 “(C) Leasing of real property by the Depart-
5 ment, including short-term, long-term, major med-
6 ical facility leases, and minor medical facility leases.

7 “(D) Repair, maintenance, and operation of fa-
8 cilities of the Department, including custodial serv-
9 ices, building management and administration, and
10 maintenance of roads, grounds, and infrastructure.

11 “(E) Procurement and acquisition of major
12 medical facility projects, minor medical facility
13 projects, major medical facility leases, minor medical
14 facility leases, operation, design, furnishing, and
15 supplies and equipment.

16 “(2) In this subsection:

17 “(A) The term ‘major medical facility lease’ has
18 the meaning given such term in section 8104(a)(3)
19 of this title.

20 “(B) The term ‘major medical facility project’
21 has the meaning given such term in section
22 8104(a)(3) of this title.

23 “(C) The term ‘minor medical facility project’
24 means a project for the construction, alteration, or

1 acquisition of a medical facility that is not a major
2 medical facility project.

3 “(D) The term ‘minor medical facility lease’
4 means a lease for space for uses as a new medical
5 facility that is not a major medical facility lease.”.

6 **SEC. 11. CONSOLIDATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND LEASING**

7 **ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**

8 **AFFAIRS.**

9 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
10 of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—

11 (1) consolidate the functions of the Veterans
12 Benefits Administration, the Veterans Health Ad-
13 ministration, and the National Cemetery Adminis-
14 tration described in subsection (c) of section 312A
15 of title 38, United States Code, under the Director
16 of Construction and Facilities Management;

17 (2) consolidate the employees of the Veterans
18 Benefits Administration, the Veterans Health Ad-
19 ministration, and the National Cemetery Adminis-
20 tration described in subsection (d) of such section,
21 as added by section 3, under the Director of Con-
22 struction and Facilities Management; and

23 (3) as a component of the regional organiza-
24 tional structure described in section 5(b), establish a
25 regional organizational structure for the employees

1 described in paragraph (2) reporting to the Director
 2 of Construction and Facilities Management.

3 **SEC. 12. CONSOLIDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
 4 **AFFAIRS ACQUISITION, PROCUREMENT, AND**
 5 **LOGISTICS.**

6 (a) ORGANIZATIONAL CONSOLIDATION.—Not later
 7 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
 8 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall organizationally
 9 consolidate under the Chief Acquisition Officer of the De-
 10 partment of Veterans Affairs (designated in accordance
 11 with section 1702 of title 41, United States Code) the
 12 functions of the Veterans Benefits Administration, the
 13 Veterans Health Administration, and the National Ceme-
 14 tery Administration relating to—

- 15 (1) acquisition;
- 16 (2) procurement and contracting;
- 17 (3) logistics; and
- 18 (4) the administration of chapter 81 of title 38,
- 19 United States Code.

20 (b) REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.—

21 (1) ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.—The Sec-
 22 retary shall establish a regional organizational struc-
 23 ture for the employees performing the functions de-
 24 scribed in subsection (a) reporting to the Chief Ac-
 25 quisition Officer of the Department.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The regional organizational structure established pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

(A) correspond in part or in whole to the boundaries of the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration;

(B) may include overarching or constituent organizational structures; and

(C) may include dedicated offices for the Veterans Benefits Administration or National Cemetery Administration.

(3) REGIONAL DIRECTORS.—

(A) REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF ACQUISITION, LOGISTICS, AND CONSTRUCTION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure that each region within the organizational structure established pursuant to paragraph (1) is headed by a regional director of acquisition, logistics, and construction reporting to the Chief Acquisition Officer of the Department responsible for supervising the functions described in (a).

(ii) CAREER RESERVED POSITIONS.—
Each regional director described in clause

(i) shall be a career reserved position, as such term is defined in section 3132(a) of title 5, United States Code.

(iii) SELECTION.—Regional directors described in clause (i) may be selected from among current employees of the Department performing functions described in subsection (a).

(B) REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF CONSTRUCTION AND LEASING.—The Secretary shall ensure that each region within the organizational structure established pursuant to paragraph (1) includes a regional director of construction and leasing who—

(i) reports to the regional director of acquisition, logistics, and construction heading the region pursuant to subparagraph (A); and

(ii) is responsible for supervising the employees for the region described in section 4(2).

(c) RELOCATION.—Subsection (a) shall not be construed to require the physical relocation of employees of the Department.

1 **SEC. 13. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

2 (a) REPORT ON USE OF ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES
3 RELATING TO RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF PER-
4 SONNEL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the
5 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
7 a report detailing how the Secretary will use the authori-
8 ties of section 706 of title 38, United States Code, to in-
9 crease the size and performance of the acquisition work-
10 force of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

11 (b) REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES.—Not
12 later than 390 days after the date of the enactment of
13 this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
14 committees of Congress a report detailing how sections 11
15 and 12 were implemented.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) ACQUISITION WORKFORCE OF THE DEPART-
18 MENT.—The term “acquisition workforce of the De-
19 partment of Veterans Affairs” means personnel of
20 the Department of Veterans Affairs occupying posi-
21 tions within the 1102 occupational series as defined
22 by the Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-
23 ment.

24 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
25 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
26 gress” means the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of

1 the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs
2 of the House of Representatives.

3 **SEC. 14. GENERAL LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS.**

4 No provision of this Act shall authorize or permit the
5 Secretary of Veterans Affairs to incur financial or oper-
6 ational obligations, including but costs for construction,
7 leasing, maintenance, operations, or services, beyond the
8 availability of funds appropriated by Congress. All agree-
9 ments, contracts, or arrangements entered into under this
10 Act shall include provisions ensuring compliance with this
11 limitation.

