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Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11 (legislative day JULY 10), 2024

Ms. SINEMA, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, 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, 2025, 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, \$2,380,477,000, to re-
14 main available until September 30, 2029: *Provided*, That,
15 of this amount, not to exceed \$465,408,000 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, \$186,820,000 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, \$4,874,699,000, to remain available
11 until September 30, 2029: *Provided*, That, of this amount,
12 not to exceed \$839,546,000 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, \$333,800,000 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, \$3,549,626,000, to remain
6 available until September 30, 2029: *Provided*, That, of this
7 amount, not to exceed \$631,726,000 shall be available for
8 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
9 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Air
10 Force determines that additional obligations are necessary
11 for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appro-
12 priations of both Houses of Congress of the determination
13 and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the
14 amount made available under this heading, \$366,000,000
15 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,
16 specified in the table under the heading “Military Con-
17 struction, Air Force” in the report accompanying this Act,
18 in addition to amounts otherwise available for such pur-
19 poses.

20 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
23 ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-
24 tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-
25 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military

1 departments), as currently authorized by law,
2 \$3,601,163,000, to remain available until September 30,
3 2029: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation
4 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may
5 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department
6 of Defense available for military construction or family
7 housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with
8 and to be available for the same purposes, and for the
9 same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which
10 transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to
11 exceed \$481,211,000 shall be available for study, plan-
12 ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-
13 thorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense deter-
14 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such
15 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations
16 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the
17 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
18 made available under this heading, \$4,000,000 shall be
19 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
20 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
21 Defense-Wide” in the report accompanying this Act, in ad-
22 dition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

23 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

24 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
25 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-

1 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-
2 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
3 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
4 tion Acts, \$456,459,000, to remain available until Sep-
5 tember 30, 2029: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to
6 exceed \$89,659,000 shall be available for study, planning,
7 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
8 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard
9 determines that additional obligations are necessary for
10 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-
11 tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and
12 the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
13 made available under this heading, \$101,330,000 shall be
14 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
15 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
16 Army National Guard” in the report accompanying this
17 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such
18 purposes.

19 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

20 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
21 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
22 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions
23 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United
24 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization
25 Acts, \$307,792,000, to remain available until September

1 30, 2029: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed
2 \$43,592,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,
3 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,
4 unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines
5 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes
6 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both
7 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons
8 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-
9 able under this heading, \$113,000,000 shall be for the
10 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in
11 the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air
12 National Guard” in the report accompanying this Act, in
13 addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

14 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

15 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
16 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
17 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter
18 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-
19 struction Authorization Acts, \$375,682,000, to remain
20 available until September 30, 2029: *Provided*, That, of the
21 amount, not to exceed \$37,158,000 shall be available for
22 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
23 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army
24 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-
25 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on

1 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-
2 mination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That
3 of the amount made available under this heading,
4 \$120,650,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and
5 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading
6 “Military Construction, Army Reserve” in the report ac-
7 companying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise
8 available for such purposes.

9 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

10 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
11 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
12 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and
13 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
14 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
15 tion Acts, \$29,829,000, to remain available until Sep-
16 tember 30, 2029: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to
17 exceed \$3,219,000 shall be available for study, planning,
18 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
19 by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that
20 additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and
21 notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
22 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

23 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

24 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
25 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-

1 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by
2 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military
3 Construction Authorization Acts, \$107,663,000, to remain
4 available until September 30, 2029: *Provided*, That, of the
5 amount, not to exceed \$16,962,000 shall be available for
6 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
7 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air
8 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are
9 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees
10 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-
11 termination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*,
12 That of the amount made available under this heading,
13 \$38,400,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and
14 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading
15 “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve” in the report
16 accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise
17 available for such purposes.

18 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

19 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

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

1 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-
2 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$433,864,000, to
3 remain available until expended.

4 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

5 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base
6 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-
7 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10
8 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$497,961,000, to remain available
9 until expended.

10 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

11 For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-
12 struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-
13 pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
14 \$276,647,000, to remain available until September 30,
15 2029.

16 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

17 ARMY

18 For expenses of family housing for the Army for op-
19 eration and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,
20 minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-
21 surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$475,611,000.

22 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE

23 CORPS

24 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
25 rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-

1 ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as
2 authorized by law, \$245,742,000, to remain available until
3 September 30, 2029.

4 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
5 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

6 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
7 rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt
8 payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-
9 est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by
10 law, \$377,217,000.

11 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

12 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
13 construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,
14 expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
15 \$221,549,000, to remain available until September 30,
16 2029.

17 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR
18 FORCE

19 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
20 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-
21 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,
22 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,
23 \$326,250,000.

1 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
2 DEFENSE-WIDE

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

8 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
9 FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

10 For the Department of Defense Family Housing Im-
11 provement Fund, \$8,195,000, to remain available until ex-
12 pended, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursu-
13 ant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, pro-
14 viding alternative means of acquiring and improving mili-
15 tary family housing and supporting facilities.

16 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
17 MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT
18 FUND

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

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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

23 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this
24 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements
25 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by

1 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-
2 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-
3 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated
4 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney
5 General; (3) where the estimated value is less than
6 \$25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary
7 of Defense to be in the public interest.

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

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

19 SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this
20 title may be used for the procurement of steel for any con-
21 struction project or activity for which American steel pro-
22 ducers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied
23 the opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.

24 SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Depart-
25 ment of Defense for military construction or family hous-

1 ing during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real
2 property taxes in any foreign nation.

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

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

15 SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this
16 title for military construction in the United States terri-
17 tories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein
18 Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be
19 used to award any contract estimated by the Government
20 to exceed \$1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: *Provided*,
21 That this section shall not be applicable to contract
22 awards for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid
23 of a United States contractor exceeds the lowest respon-
24 sive and responsible bid of a foreign contractor by greater
25 than 20 percent: *Provided further*, That this section shall

1 not apply to contract awards for military construction on
2 Kwajalein Atoll for which the lowest responsive and re-
3 sponsible bid is submitted by a Marshallese contractor.

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

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

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

22 SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of
23 law, any funds made available to a military department
24 or defense agency for the construction of military projects
25 may be obligated for a military construction project or

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

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or
11 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic me-
12 dium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
13 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
14 of both Houses of Congress, such additional amounts as
15 may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be
16 transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family
17 Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated
18 for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be
19 merged with and to be available for the same purposes
20 and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated
21 directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense
22 Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund
23 from amounts appropriated for construction of military
24 unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” ac-
25 counts, to be merged with and to be available for the same

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

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

23 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of
24 law, funds made available in this title for operation and
25 maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive

1 source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family
2 housing units, including general or flag officer quarters:
3 *Provided*, That not more than \$35,000 per unit may be
4 spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any gen-
5 eral or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notifica-
6 tion, or 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic
7 medium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
8 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
9 of both Houses of Congress, except that an after-the-fact
10 notification shall be submitted if the limitation is exceeded
11 solely due to costs associated with environmental remedi-
12 ation that could not be reasonably anticipated at the time
13 of the budget submission: *Provided further*, That the
14 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is to report an-
15 nually to the Committees on Appropriations of both
16 Houses of Congress all operation and maintenance ex-
17 penditures for each individual general or flag officer quar-
18 ters for the prior fiscal year.

19 SEC. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-
20 provement Account established by subsection (h) of sec-
21 tion 2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appro-
22 priated and shall be available until expended for the pur-
23 poses specified in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until
24 transferred pursuant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 121. During the 5-year period after appropria-
3 tions available in this Act to the Department of Defense
4 for military construction and family housing operation and
5 maintenance and construction have expired for obligation,
6 upon a determination that such appropriations will not be
7 necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making
8 authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obliga-
9 tions incurred during the period of availability of such ap-
10 propriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations
11 may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Cur-
12 rency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged
13 with and to be available for the same time period and for
14 the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans-
15 ferred.

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made
18 available in an account funded under the headings in this
19 title may be transferred among projects and activities
20 within the account in accordance with the reprogramming
21 guidelines for military construction and family housing
22 construction contained in Department of Defense Finan-
23 cial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chap-
24 ter 7, of April 2021, as in effect on the date of enactment
25 of this Act.

1 SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this
2 title may be obligated or expended for planning and design
3 and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-
4 tery.

5 SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts
6 and in the amounts specified, to remain available until
7 September 30, 2029:

8 “Military Construction, Army”, \$26,500,000;

9 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
10 Corps”, \$50,400,000;

11 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
12 \$183,000,000;

13 “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”,
14 \$134,270,000;

15 “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,
16 \$54,251,000;

17 “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,
18 \$6,000,000; and

19 “Military Construction, Army Reserve”,
20 \$63,000,000:

21 *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry
22 out construction and cost to complete projects identified
23 in the respective military department’s unfunded priority
24 list for fiscal year 2025 submitted to Congress: *Provided*
25 *further*, That such projects are subject to authorization

1 prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out
2 construction: *Provided further*, That not later than 60
3 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the mili-
4 tary department concerned, or their designee, shall submit
5 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
6 Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under
7 this section.

8 SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-
9 ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “De-
10 partment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and
11 Marine Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Con-
12 struction, Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Mili-
13 tary Construction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to
14 the authorization of appropriations in a National Defense
15 Authorization Act specified for fiscal year 2025 in the
16 funding table in section 4601 of that Act shall be imme-
17 diately available and allotted to contract for the full scope
18 of authorized projects.

19 SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,
20 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-
21 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-
22 gated before October 1, 2026 for fiscal year 2017, 2018,
23 2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which
24 project authorization has not lapsed or for which author-
25 ization is extended for fiscal year 2025 by a National De-

1 fense Authorization Act: *Provided*, That no amounts may
2 be obligated pursuant to this section from amounts that
3 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-
4 ment pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget
5 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
6 Act of 1985.

7 SEC. 127. For the purposes of this Act, the term
8 “congressional defense committees” means the Commit-
9 tees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives
10 and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construc-
11 tion and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropria-
12 tions of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military
13 Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on
14 Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

15 SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts
16 and in the amounts specified for design and unspecified
17 minor construction, for improving military installation re-
18 silience, to remain available until September 30, 2029:

19 “Military Construction, Army”, \$10,000,000;

20 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
21 Corps”, \$10,000,000; and

22 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
23 \$10,000,000:

24 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of
25 this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-

1 cerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees
2 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-
3 ture plan for funds provided under this section.

4 SEC. 129. For an additional amount for the accounts
5 and in the amounts specified for design and authorized
6 major construction projects at foreign military training
7 sites, to remain available until September 30, 2029:

8 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
9 \$100,000,000;

10 “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”,
11 \$2,500,000; and

12 “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,
13 \$26,000,000:

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

19 SEC. 130. None of the funds made available by this
20 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment
21 of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
22 Cuba.

23 SEC. 131. For an additional amount for “Military
24 Construction, Air National Guard”, \$32,000,000, to re-
25 main available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That

1 such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction
2 projects specified in a National Defense Authorization Act
3 for fiscal year 2025 in the funding table in section 4601
4 of that Act: *Provided further*, That not later than 30 days
5 after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, or
6 their designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appro-
7 priations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan
8 for funds provided under this section.

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 \$9,820,699,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-
22 viously appropriated under this heading that become avail-
23 able on October 1, 2024, to remain available until ex-
24 pended; and, in addition, \$204,481,753,000, which shall
25 become available on October 1, 2025, to remain available

1 until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$22,816,224
2 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2026 under
3 this heading shall be reimbursed to “General Operating
4 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “Infor-
5 mation Technology Systems” for necessary expenses in
6 implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55
7 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source for
8 which is specifically provided as the “Compensation and
9 Pensions” appropriation: *Provided further*, That such
10 sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient
11 basis, shall be reimbursed to “Medical Care Collections
12 Fund” to augment the funding of individual medical facili-
13 ties for nursing home care provided to pensioners as au-
14 thorized.

15 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

16 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation
17 benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chap-
18 ters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and
19 61 of title 38, United States Code, \$2,657,656,000, which
20 shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under
21 this heading that become available on October 1, 2024,
22 to remain available until expended; and, in addition,
23 \$17,614,235,000, which shall become available on October
24 1, 2025, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
25 That expenses for rehabilitation program services and as-

1 sistance which the Secretary is authorized to provide
2 under subsection (a) of section 3104 of title 38, United
3 States Code, other than under paragraphs (1), (2), (5),
4 and (11) of that subsection, shall be charged to this ac-
5 count.

6 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

7 For military and naval insurance, national service life
8 insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-
9 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as
10 authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United
11 States Code, \$131,518,000, which shall become available
12 on October 1, 2025, to remain available until expended.

13 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

14 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such
15 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as
16 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of
17 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs,
18 including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
19 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
20 1974: *Provided further*, That, during fiscal year 2025,
21 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in
22 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for spe-
23 cially adapted housing loans.

24 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
25 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$319,596,460.

1 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

2 For the cost of direct loans, \$64,431, as authorized
 3 by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,
 4 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such
 5 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-
 6 sional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds
 7 made available under this heading are available to sub-
 8 sidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct
 9 loans not to exceed \$1,563,660.

10 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
 11 carry out the direct loan program, \$493,868, which may
 12 be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-
 13 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

14 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

15 ACCOUNT

16 For administrative expenses to carry out the direct
 17 loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37
 18 of title 38, United States Code, \$5,845,241.

19 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS

20 ADMINISTRATION

21 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans
 22 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-
 23 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement
 24 of the General Services Administration for security guard
 25 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-

1 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,
2 \$4,035,000,000: *Provided*, That expenses for services and
3 assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and
4 (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code,
5 that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are nec-
6 essary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum ex-
7 tent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and
8 maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum
9 independence in daily living, shall be charged to this ac-
10 count: *Provided further*, That, of the funds made available
11 under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain
12 available until September 30, 2026.

13 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

14 MEDICAL SERVICES

15 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized
16 by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to
17 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and
18 veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United
19 States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not
20 under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including
21 medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services,
22 food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare em-
23 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, assist-
24 ance and support services for caregivers as authorized by
25 section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repay-

1 ments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and
2 Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public
3 Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note),
4 monthly assistance allowances authorized by section
5 322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized
6 by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-
7 ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections
8 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-
9 pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787
10 of title 38, United States Code; \$75,039,000,000, plus re-
11 imbursements, which shall become available on October 1,
12 2025, and shall remain available until September 30,
13 2026: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on
14 October 1, 2025, under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall
15 remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
17 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a priority for
18 the provision of medical treatment for veterans who have
19 service-connected disabilities, lower income, or have special
20 needs: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other
21 provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
22 give priority funding for the provision of basic medical
23 benefits to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1
24 through 6: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any
25 other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

1 may authorize the dispensing of prescription drugs from
2 Veterans Health Administration facilities to enrolled vet-
3 erans with privately written prescriptions based on re-
4 quirements established by the Secretary: *Provided further*,
5 That the implementation of the program described in the
6 previous proviso shall incur no additional cost to the De-
7 partment of Veterans Affairs: *Provided further*, That the
8 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient
9 amounts appropriated under this heading for medical sup-
10 plies and equipment are available for the acquisition of
11 prosthetics designed specifically for female veterans: *Pro-*
12 *vided further*, That nothing in section 2044(e) of title 38,
13 United States Code, may be construed as limiting amounts
14 that may be made available under this heading for fiscal
15 years 2025 and 2026 in this or prior Acts.

16 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

17 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to
18 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United
19 States Code, at non-Department facilities,
20 \$34,000,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-
21 come available on October 1, 2025, and shall remain avail-
22 able until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That, of the
23 amount made available on October 1, 2025, under this
24 heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
25 tember 30, 2027.

1 MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

2 For necessary expenses in the administration of the
3 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,
4 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-
5 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-
6 ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-
7 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-
8 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,
9 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-
10 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$12,700,000,000, plus
11 reimbursements, which shall become available on October
12 1, 2025, and shall remain available until September 30,
13 2026: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on
14 October 1, 2025, under this heading, \$350,000,000 shall
15 remain available until September 30, 2027.

16 MEDICAL FACILITIES

17 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-
18 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,
19 and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Ad-
20 ministration; for administrative expenses in support of
21 planning, design, project management, real property ac-
22 quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of
23 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the
24 Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural
25 activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-

1 ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-
2 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
3 ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by
4 the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-
5 rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services;
6 \$3,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously
7 appropriated under this heading that become available on
8 October 1, 2024; and, in addition, \$9,700,000,000, plus
9 reimbursements, which shall become available on October
10 1, 2025, and shall remain available until September 30,
11 2026: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on
12 October 1, 2025, under this heading, \$500,000,000 shall
13 remain available until September 30, 2027.

14 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

15 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of
16 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-
17 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,
18 \$878,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain avail-
19 able until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That the Sec-
20 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient
21 amounts appropriated under this heading are available for
22 prosthetic research specifically for female veterans, and
23 for toxic exposure research.

1 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

2 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-
3 ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-
4 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-
5 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase
6 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-
7 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-
8 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction
9 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$495,000,000,
10 of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available
11 until September 30, 2026.

12 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

13 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary operating expenses of the Department
16 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including
17 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide
18 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-
19 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for
20 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-
21 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General
22 Services Administration for security guard services,
23 \$457,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall re-
24 main available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That
25 funds provided under this heading may be transferred to

1 “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Adminis-
2 tration”.

3 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

4 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of
5 Veterans Appeals, \$267,000,000, of which not to exceed
6 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,
7 2026.

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, \$6,276,693,000, plus reimbursements: *Pro-*
19 *vided*, That \$1,695,247,816 shall be for pay and associ-
20 ated costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain
21 available until September 30, 2026: *Provided further*, That
22 \$4,575,983,911 shall be for operations and maintenance,
23 of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available
24 until September 30, 2026, and of which \$118,900,000
25 shall remain available until September 30, 2029, 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 \$5,461,273 shall
7 be for information technology systems development, and
8 shall remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*
9 *further*, That amounts made available for salaries and ex-
10 penses, operations and maintenance, and information
11 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: *Provided further*, That the funds made avail-
25 able under this heading for information technology sys-

1 tems development shall be for the projects, and in the
2 amounts, specified under this heading in the report accom-
3 panying this Act.

4 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

5 For activities related to implementation, preparation,
6 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-
7 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-
8 cluding contractual costs associated with operations au-
9 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,
10 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles
11 5 and 38, United States Code, \$894,000,000, to remain
12 available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That the
13 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Commit-
14 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quar-
15 terly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and de-
16 ployment implementation by facility, including any
17 changes from the deployment plan or schedule: *Provided*
18 *further*, That the funds provided in this account shall only
19 be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be
20 administered by that Office: *Provided further*, That 25
21 percent of the funds made available under this heading
22 shall not be available until July 1, 2025, and are contin-
23 gent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs providing to
24 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
25 gress a plan by June 1, 2025, with benchmarks and meas-

1 urable metrics for deployment, a timeline for future de-
2 ployments, a list of each instance when the contractor sup-
3 porting this program has not met its obligations for sys-
4 tem availability, a plan to standardize the system for de-
5 ployment across the enterprise, and an update on the
6 progress of upgrades to the pharmacy and billing applica-
7 tions.

8 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

9 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
10 General, to include information technology, in carrying out
11 the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
12 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), \$301,000,000, of which not to exceed
13 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,
14 2026.

15 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

16 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
17 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
18 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans
19 Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections
20 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States
21 Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, ar-
22 chitectural and engineering services, construction manage-
23 ment services, maintenance or guarantee period services
24 costs associated with equipment guarantees provided
25 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility

1 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-
2 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more
3 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title
4 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were
5 made available in a previous major project appropriation,
6 \$2,069,000,000, of which \$1,265,300,000 shall remain
7 available until September 30, 2029, and of which
8 \$803,700,000 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That except for advance planning activities, includ-
10 ing needs assessments which may or may not lead to cap-
11 ital investments, and other capital asset management re-
12 lated activities, including portfolio development and man-
13 agement activities, and planning, cost estimating, and de-
14 sign for major medical facility projects and major medical
15 facility leases and investment strategy studies funded
16 through the advance planning fund and the planning and
17 design activities funded through the design fund, staffing
18 expenses, and funds provided for the purchase, security,
19 and maintenance of land for the National Cemetery Ad-
20 ministration and the Veterans Health Administration
21 through the land acquisition line item, none of the funds
22 made available under this heading shall be used for any
23 project that has not been notified to Congress through the
24 budgetary process or that has not been approved by the
25 Congress through statute, joint resolution, or in the ex-

1 planatory statement accompanying such Act and pre-
2 sented to the President at the time of enrollment: *Provided*
3 *further*, That funds provided for the Veterans Health Ad-
4 ministration through the land acquisition line item shall
5 be only for projects included on the five year development
6 plan notified to Congress through the budgetary process:
7 *Provided further*, That such sums as may be necessary
8 shall be available to reimburse the “General Administra-
9 tion” account for payment of salaries and expenses of all
10 Office of Construction and Facilities Management employ-
11 ees to support the full range of capital infrastructure serv-
12 ices provided, including minor construction and leasing
13 services: *Provided further*, That funds made available
14 under this heading for fiscal year 2025, for each approved
15 project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a con-
16 struction documents contract by September 30, 2025; and
17 (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by Sep-
18 tember 30, 2026: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of
19 Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees
20 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written
21 report on any approved major construction project for
22 which obligations are not incurred within the time limita-
23 tions established above.

1 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

2 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
3 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
4 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans
5 Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs
6 which may lead to capital investments, architectural and
7 engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period
8 services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-
9 vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite
10 utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and
11 site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in
12 sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38,
13 United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the
14 estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the
15 amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38,
16 United States Code, \$380,453,000, of which
17 \$342,408,000 shall remain available until September 30,
18 2029, and of which \$38,045,000 shall remain available
19 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-
20 vious "Construction, Minor Projects" appropriations
21 which are hereby made available for any project where the
22 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth
23 in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available
24 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the
25 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use

1 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or
2 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;
3 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to
4 minimize further loss by such causes: *Provided further,*
5 That up to \$2,000,000 shall be available to reimburse the
6 “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Adminis-
7 tration”, “National Cemetery Administration”, and “Gen-
8 eral Administration”, accounts for payment of salaries
9 and expenses of employees to support Minor Construction
10 projects.

11 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE
12 FACILITIES

13 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct
14 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-
15 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,
16 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing
17 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through
18 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$150,000,000, to
19 remain available until expended.

20 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

21 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations
22 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-
23 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United
24 States Code, \$65,000,000, to remain available until ex-
25 pended.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2025 for
4 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,
5 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-
6 ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-
7 priations: *Provided*, That, before a transfer may take
8 place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from
9 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
10 gress the authority to make the transfer and such Com-
11 mittees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period
12 of 30 days has elapsed.

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Depart-
15 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2025, in this or
16 any other Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical
17 Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”,
18 and “Medical Facilities” accounts may be transferred
19 among the accounts: *Provided*, That any transfers among
20 the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, and
21 “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent
22 or less of the total amount appropriated to the account
23 in this or any other Act may take place subject to notifica-
24 tion from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Com-
25 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of

1 the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided further*,
2 That any transfers among the “Medical Services”, “Med-
3 ical Community Care”, and “Medical Support and Compli-
4 ance” accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the
5 cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take place
6 only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on
7 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority
8 to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided*
9 *further*, That any transfers to or from the “Medical Facili-
10 ties” account may take place only after the Secretary re-
11 quests from the Committees on Appropriations of both
12 Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer
13 and an approval is issued.

14 SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for
15 salaries and expenses shall be available for services au-
16 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code;
17 hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land
18 or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-
19 ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United
20 States Code.

21 SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the
22 appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects” and
23 “Construction, Minor Projects”) shall be available for the
24 purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any
25 new hospital or home.

1 SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be
2 available for hospitalization or examination of any persons
3 (except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or ex-
4 amination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-
5 erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sec-
6 tions 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code,
7 or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
8 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reim-
9 bursement of the cost of such hospitalization or examina-
10 tion is made to the “Medical Services” account at such
11 rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

12 SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for
13 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,
14 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-
15 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-
16 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding
17 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year
18 2024.

19 SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall
20 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding
21 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections
22 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States
23 Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund
24 accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation
25 and Pensions”.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of
3 law, during fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Veterans
4 Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance
5 Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code,
6 the Veterans' Special Life Insurance Fund under section
7 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United
8 States Government Life Insurance Fund under section
9 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the "Gen-
10 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-
11 tion" and "Information Technology Systems" accounts for
12 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-
13 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimburse-
14 ment shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-
15 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year
16 2025 that are available for dividends in that program after
17 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves
18 have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of
19 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the
20 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,
21 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such
22 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
23 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year
24 2025 which is properly allocable to the provision of each
25 such insurance program and to the provision of any total

1 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-
2 gram.

3 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use
4 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-
5 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-
6 viding enhanced-use lease services shall be available until
7 expended.

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for
10 salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be
11 available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-
12 ment, Diversity and Inclusion, the Office of Employment
13 Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and the Alter-
14 native Dispute Resolution function within the Office of
15 Human Resources and Administration for all services pro-
16 vided at rates which will recover actual costs but not to
17 exceed \$143,363,000 for the Office of Resolution Manage-
18 ment, Diversity and Inclusion, \$9,606,581 for the Office
19 of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication,
20 and \$7,686,000 for the Alternative Dispute Resolution
21 function within the Office of Human Resources and Ad-
22 ministration: *Provided*, That payments may be made in
23 advance for services to be furnished based on estimated
24 costs: *Provided further*, That amounts received shall be
25 credited to the “General Administration” and “Informa-

1 tion Technology Systems” accounts for use by the office
2 that provided the service.

3 SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans
4 Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home
5 care, or medical services provided to any person under
6 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-serv-
7 ice-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of
8 such title, unless that person has disclosed to the Sec-
9 retary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary
10 may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement
11 information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: *Pro-*
12 *vided*, That the Secretary may recover, in the same man-
13 ner as any other debt due the United States, the reason-
14 able charges for such care or services from any person who
15 does not make such disclosure as required: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That any amounts so recovered for care or services
17 provided in a prior fiscal year may be obligated by the
18 Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are re-
19 ceived.

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leas-
23 ing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into
24 the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction,
25 Minor Projects” accounts and be used for construction

1 (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations,
2 and improvements of any medical facility under the juris-
3 diction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Af-
4 fairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount
5 provided for in “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-
6 struction, Minor Projects”.

7 SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical
8 Services” are available—

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

11 (2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and
12 other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for
13 beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the
16 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A
17 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the
18 “Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-
19 counts to remain available until expended for the purposes
20 of these accounts.

21 SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
22 enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health
23 Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and
24 Tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native
25 Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, to pro-

1 vide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental
2 care, to veterans in rural Alaska. The Secretary shall re-
3 quire participating veterans and facilities to comply with
4 all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the
5 Secretary. The term “rural Alaska” shall mean those
6 lands which are not within the boundaries of the munic-
7 ipality of Anchorage or the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the
10 Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pur-
11 suant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may
12 be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and
13 “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain avail-
14 able until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

15 SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of
16 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
17 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
18 Houses of Congress a report on the financial status of the
19 Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter:
20 *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include
21 the direction contained in the paragraph entitled “Quar-
22 terly reporting”, under the heading “General Administra-
23 tion” in the joint explanatory statement accompanying
24 Public Law 114–223.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Med-
3 ical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Sup-
4 port and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Op-
5 erating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”,
6 “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”,
7 and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fis-
8 cal year 2025 may be transferred to or from the “Informa-
9 tion Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such
10 transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggre-
11 gate increase in the total amount made available by this
12 Act for the “Information Technology Systems” account:
13 *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place,
14 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the
15 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
16 the authority to make the transfer and an approval is
17 issued.

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-
20 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2025 for
21 “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical
22 Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Con-
23 struction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology
24 Systems”, up to \$594,828,000, plus reimbursements, may
25 be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—De-

1 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstra-
2 tion Fund, established by section 1704 of the National De-
3 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law
4 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation
5 of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical
6 facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hun-
7 ter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
8 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*,
9 That additional funds may be transferred from accounts
10 designated in this section to the Joint Department of De-
11 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
12 Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Sec-
13 retary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-
14 priations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,
15 That section 220 of title II of division A of Public Law
16 118–42 is repealed.

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-
19 partment of Veterans Affairs which become available on
20 October 1, 2025, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Com-
21 munity Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and
22 “Medical Facilities”, up to \$644,025,000, plus reimburse-
23 ments, may be transferred to the Joint Department of De-
24 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
25 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the

1 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
2 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used
3 for operation of the facilities designated as combined Fed-
4 eral medical facilities as described by section 706 of the
5 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for
6 Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500):
7 *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from
8 accounts designated in this section to the Joint Depart-
9 ment of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Med-
10 ical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifica-
11 tion by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Commit-
12 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

1 ations of the facilities designated as combined Federal
2 medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Dun-
3 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
4 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the
6 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
7 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts trans-
8 ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department
9 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund
10 shall remain available until expended.

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

1 SEC. 224. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-
2 tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
3 Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project
4 that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-
5 grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: *Pro-*
6 *vided*, That such notification shall occur within 14 days
7 of a contract identifying the programmed amount: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Commit-
9 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14
10 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall
11 describe the anticipated use of such savings.

12 SEC. 225. None of the funds made available for
13 “Construction, Major Projects” may be used for a project
14 in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-
15 nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of
16 the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-
17 erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on
18 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

19 SEC. 226. Not later than 30 days after the end of
20 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
21 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
22 Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-
23 ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-
24 ministration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a min-
25 imum, the report shall include the direction contained in

1 the section entitled “Disability claims backlog”, under the
2 heading “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits
3 Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accom-
4 panying Public Law 114–223: *Provided further*, That the
5 report shall also include information on the number of ap-
6 peals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration as
7 well as the Board of Veterans Appeals on a quarterly
8 basis.

9 SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
10 provide written notification to the Committees on Appro-
11 priations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-
12 ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or
13 more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of
14 the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

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

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon
22 determination that such action is necessary to address
23 needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-
24 fer to the “Medical Services” account any discretionary
25 appropriations made available for fiscal year 2025 in this

1 title (except appropriations made to the “General Oper-
2 ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” ac-
3 count) or any discretionary unobligated balances within
4 the Department of Veterans Affairs, including those ap-
5 propriated for fiscal year 2025, that were provided in ad-
6 vance by appropriations Acts: *Provided*, That transfers
7 shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Man-
8 agement and Budget: *Provided further*, That the transfer
9 authority provided in this section is in addition to any
10 other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*,
11 That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that
12 were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement
13 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the
14 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
15 1985: *Provided further*, That such authority to transfer
16 may not be used unless for higher priority items, based
17 on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for
18 which originally appropriated and in no case where the
19 item for which funds are requested has been denied by
20 Congress: *Provided further*, That, upon determination that
21 all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation
22 are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back
23 to that appropriation and shall be available for the same
24 purposes as originally appropriated: *Provided further*,
25 That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of

1 Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on
2 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority
3 to make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 230. Amounts made available for the Depart-
6 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2025, under the
7 “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating
8 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts
9 may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That
10 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-
11 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-
12 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to
13 make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

14 SEC. 231. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not
15 reprogram funds among major construction projects or
16 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed
17 \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by
18 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
19 gress.

20 SEC. 232. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
21 ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section
22 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

23 (1) provides to individuals who contact the hot-
24 line immediate assistance from a trained profes-
25 sional; and

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

3 (b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act
4 may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Execu-
5 tive action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 from appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil
7 service position, or establishing a new civil service position,
8 at the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to
9 such a position relating to the hotline specified in sub-
10 section (a).

11 (2) In this subsection—

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

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

16 (i) any Executive order, Presidential
17 memorandum, or other action by the President;
18 and

19 (ii) any agency policy, order, or other di-
20 rective.

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

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

3 (A) determine the number of veterans who con-
4 tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who
5 receive follow up services from the hotline or mental
6 health services from the Department of Veterans Af-
7 fairs thereafter;

8 (B) determine the number of veterans who con-
9 tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not
10 continue receiving, mental health care who commit
11 suicide; and

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

14 SEC. 233. Effective during the period beginning on
15 October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2026, none
16 of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans
17 Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or ex-
18 pended in contravention of the “Veterans Health Adminis-
19 tration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement
20 on the Veterans Health Administration’s Screening for
21 Breast Cancer Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as
22 issued by the Veterans Health Administration National
23 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

24 SEC. 234. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
25 of law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made avail-

1 able to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Med-
2 ical Services” account may be used to provide—

3 (1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-
4 sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran
5 or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

6 (2) adoption reimbursement to a covered vet-
7 eran.

8 (b) In this section:

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

12 (2) The term “covered veteran” means a vet-
13 eran, as such term is defined in section 101 of title
14 38, United States Code, who has a service-connected
15 disability that results in the inability of the veteran
16 to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

17 (3) The term “assisted reproductive tech-
18 nology” means benefits relating to reproductive as-
19 sistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces
20 who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty
21 pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United
22 States Code, as described in the memorandum on
23 the subject of “Policy for Assisted Reproductive
24 Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/
25 Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service

1 Members” issued by the Assistant Secretary of De-
2 fense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the
3 guidance issued to implement such policy, including
4 any limitations on the amount of such benefits avail-
5 able to such a member except that—

6 (A) the time periods regarding embryo
7 cryopreservation and storage set forth in part
8 III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum
9 shall not apply; and

10 (B) such term includes embryo
11 cryopreservation and storage without limitation
12 on the duration of such cryopreservation and
13 storage.

14 (4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means
15 reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for
16 an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-
17 actment of this Act under the same terms as apply
18 under the adoption reimbursement program of the
19 Department of Defense, as authorized in Depart-
20 ment of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the
21 reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in
22 such instruction.

23 (c) Amounts made available for the purposes speci-
24 fied in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the
25 requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division

1 H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public
2 Law 115–141).

3 SEC. 235. None of the funds appropriated or other-
4 wise made available by this Act or any other Act for the
5 Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner
6 that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transpor-
7 tation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the
8 Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent
9 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115;
10 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38,
11 United States Code.

12 SEC. 236. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall
13 not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the
14 Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Ad-
15 ministration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-
16 tractor performance by a business concern that is at least
17 51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined
18 in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one
19 or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-
20 tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

21 SEC. 237. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in
22 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
23 retary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using So-
24 cial Security account numbers to authenticate individuals
25 in all information systems of the Department of Veterans

1 Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30,
2 2025.

3 (b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and
4 use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-
5 vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United
6 States Code, in an information system of the Department
7 of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number
8 is necessary to:

9 (1) obtain or provide information the Secretary
10 requires from an information system that is not
11 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

12 (2) comply with a law, regulation, or court
13 order;

14 (3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

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

17 (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-
18 sede section 237 of division A of Public Law 118–42.

19 SEC. 238. For funds provided to the Department of
20 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2025 and 2026
21 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public
22 Law 114–223 shall apply.

23 SEC. 239. None of the funds appropriated in this or
24 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to
25 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-

1 fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-
2 pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-
3 ment of Veterans Affairs.

4 SEC. 240. Of the funds provided to the Department
5 of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2025 and fiscal
6 year 2026 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in
7 each year to carry out and expand the child care program
8 authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-
9 withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

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

20 SEC. 242. For funds provided to the Department of
21 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2025 and 2026,
22 section 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
23 apply.

24 SEC. 243. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
25 erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny

1 an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access
2 to any records, documents, or other materials available to
3 the department or agency over which that Inspector Gen-
4 eral has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act
5 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), or to prevent or impede
6 the access of the Inspector General to such records, docu-
7 ments, or other materials, under any provision of law, ex-
8 cept a provision of law that expressly refers to such In-
9 spector General and expressly limits the right of access.

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

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

18 (d) Each Inspector General covered by this section
19 shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the
20 Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House
21 of Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure
22 by any department or agency covered by this section to
23 comply with this requirement.

24 SEC. 244. None of the funds made available in this
25 Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait

1 times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of
2 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

3 SEC. 245. None of the funds appropriated or other-
4 wise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health
5 Administration may be used in fiscal year 2025 to convert
6 any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-
7 cal year 2024 to a general purpose funded program unless
8 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-
9 tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-
10 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior
11 to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-
12 mittees.

13 SEC. 246. For funds provided to the Department of
14 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2025 and 2026,
15 section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
16 apply.

17 SEC. 247. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
18 erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct
19 research commencing on or after the date of enactment
20 of this Act, that uses any canine, feline, or non-human
21 primate unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves
22 such research specifically and in writing pursuant to sub-
23 section (b).

24 (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve
25 the conduct of research commencing on or after the date

1 of enactment of this Act, using canines, felines, or non-
2 human primates if the Secretary certifies that—

3 (A) the scientific objectives of the research can
4 only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-
5 human primates and cannot be met using other ani-
6 mal models, in vitro models, computational models,
7 human clinical studies, or other research alter-
8 natives;

9 (B) such scientific objectives are necessary to
10 advance research benefiting veterans and are directly
11 related to an illness or injury that is combat-related
12 as defined by 10 U.S.C. 1413(e);

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

17 (D) ethical considerations regarding minimizing
18 the harm experienced by canines, felines, or non-
19 human primates are included in evaluating the sci-
20 entific necessity of the research.

21 (2) The Secretary may not delegate the authority
22 under this subsection.

23 (c) If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-
24 ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the
25 commencement of such research, the Secretary shall sub-

1 mit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate
2 and House of Representatives a report describing—

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

5 (2) the date on which the Secretary approved
6 the research;

7 (3) the USDA pain category on the approved
8 use;

9 (4) the justification for the determination of the
10 Secretary that the scientific objectives of such re-
11 search could only be met using canines, felines, or
12 non-human primates, and methods used to make
13 such determination;

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

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

19 (d) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
20 actment of this Act, and biannually thereafter, the Sec-
21 retary shall submit to such Committees a report describ-
22 ing—

23 (1) any research being conducted by the De-
24 partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,

1 or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-
2 mittal of the report;

3 (2) the circumstances under which such re-
4 search was conducted using canines, felines, or non-
5 human primates;

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

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

10 (5) the development and adoption of alter-
11 natives to canines, felines, or non-human primate re-
12 search.

13 (e) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
14 actment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Depart-
15 ment of Veterans Affairs must submit to voluntary U.S.
16 Department of Agriculture inspections of canine, feline,
17 and non-human primate research facilities.

18 (f) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
19 actment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary
20 shall submit to such Committees a report describing—

21 (1) any violations of the Animal Welfare Act,
22 the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care
23 and Use of Laboratory Animals, or other Depart-
24 ment of Veterans Affairs policies related to oversight

1 of animal research found during that quarter in VA
2 research facilities;

3 (2) immediate corrective actions taken; and

4 (3) specific actions taken to prevent their recur-
5 rence.

6 (g) The Department shall implement a plan under
7 which the Secretary will eliminate the research conducted
8 using canines, felines, or non-human primates by not later
9 than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 SEC. 248. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
11 use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in
12 this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time
13 employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-
14 tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States
15 Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time em-
16 ployment equivalent.

17 (b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
18 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
19 gress a report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted
20 under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, includ-
21 ing—

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

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

4 SEC. 249. Amounts made available for the “Veterans
5 Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-
6 count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2025 and
7 2026 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be
8 payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by
9 section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-
10 ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

11 SEC. 250. Obligations and expenditures applicable to
12 the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017
13 through 2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by
14 section 1741 of title 38, United States Code) shall remain
15 in the “Medical Community Care” account for such fiscal
16 years.

17 SEC. 251. Of the amounts made available for the De-
18 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2025, in this
19 or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-
20 tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-
21 tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-
22 ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, and
23 “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Facilities” ac-
24 counts, \$1,323,444,000 shall be made available for gen-

1 der-specific care and programmatic efforts to deliver care
2 for women veterans.

3 SEC. 252. Of the unobligated balances available in
4 fiscal year 2025 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-
5 formational Fund” established in section 243 of division
6 J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds
7 otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,
8 or subsequent fiscal years, \$307,000,000 shall be available
9 for constructing, altering, extending, and improving med-
10 ical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, in-
11 cluding all supporting activities and required contin-
12 gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund: *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That prior to obligation of any of the funds pro-
14 vided in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
15 must provide a plan for the execution of the funds appro-
16 priated in this section to the Committees on Appropria-
17 tions of both Houses of Congress and such Committees
18 issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30
19 days has elapsed.

20 SEC. 253. Not later than 30 days after enactment
21 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees
22 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-
23 ture plan for funds made available through the Fiscal Re-
24 sponsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5) for the Cost
25 of War Toxic Exposures Fund for fiscal year 2025: *Pro-*

1 *vided*, That the budget resource categories supporting the
2 Veterans Health Administration shall be reported by the
3 subcategories “Medical Services”, “Medical Community
4 Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical
5 and Prosthetic Research”: *Provided further*, That not later
6 than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Sec-
7 retary shall submit a quarterly report on the status of the
8 funds, including, at a minimum, an update on obligations
9 by program, project or activity.

10 SEC. 254. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary
11 and administered by a corporation referred to in section
12 7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October
13 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 for purposes of carrying
14 out an order placed with the Department of Veterans Af-
15 fairs pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States
16 Code, that are available for obligation pursuant to section
17 7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain
18 available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred
19 by such corporation during the period of performance of
20 such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Af-
21 fairs determines that such amounts need to remain avail-
22 able for such liquidation.

23 SEC. 255. None of the funds in this or any other Act
24 may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs hos-
25 pitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental

1 assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing
2 Veterans Health Administration medical facilities as part
3 of a planned realignment of services until the Secretary
4 provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both
5 Houses of Congress a report including an analysis of how
6 any such planned realignment of services will impact ac-
7 cess to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural
8 areas, including travel distances and transportation costs
9 to access a Department medical facility and availability
10 of local specialty and primary care.

11 SEC. 256. Unobligated balances available under the
12 headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-
13 tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary
14 of Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section
15 2(e)(1) of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-
16 erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016
17 (Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended,
18 to provide additional funds or to fund an escalation clause
19 under such section of such Act: *Provided*, That before such
20 unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this sec-
21 tion, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from
22 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
23 gress the authority to obligate such unobligated balances
24 and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a re-
25 sponse, a period of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*,

1 That the request to obligate such unobligated balances
2 must provide Congress notice that the entity described in
3 section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114–294, as amended, has
4 exhausted available cost containment approaches as set
5 forth in the agreement under section 2(c) of such Public
6 Law.

7 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

8 SEC. 257. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
9 made available under the heading “Medical and Prosthetic
10 Research” from prior appropriations Acts, \$5,000,000 is
11 hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be re-
12 scinded from amounts that were designated by the Con-
13 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concur-
14 rent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and
15 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

16 SEC. 258. None of the funds made available by this
17 or any prior Act may be used to administer, implement,
18 or enforce the final rule issued by the Secretary of Vet-
19 erans Affairs and published on February 16, 2023, relat-
20 ing to “Change in Rates VA Pays for Special Modes of
21 Transportation” (88 Fed. Reg. 10032) until the Secretary
22 of Veterans Affairs conducts a thorough review and anal-
23 ysis of such change with respect to the impact on access
24 to care for veterans and the economic impact of such
25 change on the Department of Veterans Affairs, including

1 the development of a formal process to review and provide
2 input to such review, by relevant industry experts, the
3 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and Veteran
4 Service Organizations, and provides such review and anal-
5 ysis to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
6 of Congress.

7 SEC. 259. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this
8 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2025 for
9 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated,
10 awarded, or expended to procure or purchase covered in-
11 formation technology equipment in cases where the manu-
12 facturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent
13 entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the
14 equipment is an entity, or parent company of an entity
15 listed on any of the following:

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

18 (2) the Department of the Treasury’s Non-
19 SDN Chinese Military Industrial Complex Compa-
20 nies List;

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

24 (A) an agency or instrumentality of the
25 People’s Republic of China;

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

3 (C) directly or indirectly owned or con-
4 trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity
5 described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or

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

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

13 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
14 term “covered information technology equipment” shall
15 mean the following equipment used in an office environ-
16 ment: computers, printers, or interoperable
17 videoconferencing equipment used in or by the Depart-
18 ment of Veterans Affairs directly. “Covered information
19 technology equipment” shall not refer to services that use
20 such equipment, including cloud services.

21 SEC. 260. 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.

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, \$94,520,000, 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, \$47,300,000, of which \$3,000,000
8 shall be available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*,
9 That \$3,800,000 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 \$105,514,000, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall
23 remain available until September 30, 2027. 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 CONSTRUCTION

4 For necessary expenses for planning and design and
5 construction at Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers’
6 and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, \$42,000,000, to
7 remain available until expended, for planning and design
8 and construction associated with the development of addi-
9 tional inurnment spaces and for the Memorial Avenue
10 entry corridor at Arlington National Cemetery.

11 ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

12 TRUST FUND

13 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-
14 ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces
15 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia,
16 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-
17 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed
18 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$69,520,000, to re-
19 main available until September 30, 2026, of which
20 \$1,000,000 shall remain available until expended for con-
21 struction and renovation of the physical plants at the
22 Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of
23 Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—
24 Gulfport, Mississippi: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
25 available under this heading from funds available in the

1 Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund,
2 \$25,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the
3 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

4 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION

5 For expenses necessary to support efforts to complete
6 the renovation of the Sheridan Building at the Armed
7 Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of Co-
8 lumbia, \$31,000,000, to remain available until expended,
9 shall be paid from the general fund of the Treasury to
10 the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

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

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TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

SEC. 403. All departments and agencies funded under this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of “E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the conduct of their business practices and public service activities.

SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and notifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Subcommittee 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. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-
9 able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),
10 post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-
11 quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any
12 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-
13 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

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

15 (1) the public posting of the report com-
16 promises national security; or

17 (2) the report contains confidential or propri-
18 etary information.

19 (c) The head of the agency posting such report shall
20 do so only after such report has been made available to
21 the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for
22 no less than 45 days.

23 SEC. 407. (a) None of the funds made available in
24 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer

1 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
2 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

7 SEC. 408. None of the funds made available in this
8 Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch
9 to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency
10 in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–
11 10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

12 SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this
13 Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or serv-
14 ices, including construction services, where the contractor
15 has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

16 SEC. 410. None of the funds made available by this
17 Act may be used in contravention of section 101(e)(8) of
18 title 10, United States Code.

19 SEC. 411. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-
20 propriated or otherwise made available to the Department
21 of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate,
22 or expand any facility in the United States, its territories,
23 or possessions to house any individual detained at United
24 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the

1 purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or
2 under the control of the Department of Defense.

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

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

9 (1) is not a citizen of the United States or a
10 member of the Armed Forces of the United States;
11 and

12 (2) is—

13 (A) in the custody or under the effective
14 control of the Department of Defense; or

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

17 This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction,
18 Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations
19 Act, 2025”.

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A BILL

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

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