

**Calendar No. 592**109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 3421****[Report No. 109-328]**

To authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

JUNE 6, 2006

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

Reported by Mr. CRAIG, with amendments

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 MAJOR**  
2 **MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.**

3 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the  
4 following major medical facility projects in fiscal year  
5 2006, with each project to be carried out in the amount  
6 specified for that project:

7 (1) Restoration, new construction or replace-  
8 ment of the medical center facility for the Depart-  
9 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, New Orle-  
10 ans, Louisiana, due to damage from Hurricane  
11 Katrina in an amount not to exceed ~~\$675,000,000~~  
12 \$636,000,000. *The Secretary is authorized to carry*  
13 *out the project as a collaborative effort consistent with*  
14 *the New Orleans Collaborative Opportunities Study*  
15 *Group Report dated June 12, 2006.*

16 (2) Restoration of the Department of Veterans  
17 Affairs Medical Center, Biloxi, Mississippi, and con-  
18 solidation of services performed at the Department  
19 of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Gulfport, Mis-  
20 sissippi, in an amount not to exceed \$310,000,000.

21 (3) Replacement of the Department of Veterans  
22 Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Colorado, in an  
23 amount not to exceed \$52,000,000.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR MAJOR MED-**  
2 **ICAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**  
3 **AUTHORIZED UNDER CAPITAL ASSET RE-**  
4 **ALIGNMENT INITIATIVE.**

5 Notwithstanding subsection (d) of section 221 of the  
6 Veterans Health Care, Capital Asset, and Business Im-  
7 provement Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–170; 117 Stat.  
8 2050), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into  
9 contracts before September 30, 2009, to carry out each  
10 major medical facility project, as originally authorized by  
11 such section 221, as follows with each project to be carried  
12 out in the amount specified for that project:

13 (1) Construction of an outpatient clinic and re-  
14 gional office at the Department of Veterans Affairs  
15 Medical Center, Anchorage, Alaska, in an amount  
16 not to exceed \$75,270,000.

17 (2) Consolidation of clinical and administrative  
18 functions of the Department of Veterans Affairs  
19 Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Depart-  
20 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in  
21 Brecksville, Ohio, in an amount not to exceed  
22 \$102,300,000.

23 (3) Construction of the Extended Care Building  
24 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-  
25 ter in Des Moines, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed  
26 \$25,000,000.

1           (4) Renovation of patient wards at the Depart-  
2           ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Durham,  
3           North Carolina, in an amount not to exceed  
4           \$9,100,000.

5           (5) Correction of patient privacy deficiencies at  
6           the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center,  
7           Gainesville, Florida, in an amount not to exceed  
8           \$85,200,000.

9           (6) 7th and 8th Floor Wards Modernization ad-  
10          dition at the Department of Veterans Affairs Med-  
11          ical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, in an amount not  
12          to exceed \$27,400,000.

13          (7) Construction of a new Medical Center Facil-  
14          ity at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical  
15          Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, in an amount not to ex-  
16          ceed \$406,000,000.

17          (8) Construction of an Ambulatory Surgery/  
18          Outpatient Diagnostic Support Center in the Gulf  
19          South Submarket of Veterans Integrated Service  
20          Network (VISN) 8 and completion of Phase I land  
21          purchase, Lee County, Florida, in an amount not to  
22          exceed \$65,100,000.

23          (9) Seismic Corrections-Buildings 7 & 126 at  
24          the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center,

1 Long Beach, California, in an amount not to exceed  
2 \$107,845,000.

3 (10) Seismic Corrections-Buildings 500 & 501  
4 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-  
5 ter, Los Angeles, California, in an amount not to ex-  
6 ceed \$79,900,000.

7 (11) Construction of a New Medical Center fa-  
8 cility in the Orlando, Florida, area in an amount not  
9 to exceed \$377,700,000.

10 (12) Consolidation of Campuses at the Univer-  
11 sity Drive and H. John Heinz III divisions, Pitts-  
12 burgh, Pennsylvania, in an amount not to exceed  
13 \$189,205,000.

14 (13) Ward Upgrades and Expansion at the De-  
15 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San  
16 Antonio, Texas, in an amount not to exceed  
17 \$19,100,000.

18 (14) Seismic Corrections-Building 1, Phase 1  
19 Design at the Department of Veterans Affairs Med-  
20 ical Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico, in an amount  
21 not to exceed \$15,000,000.

22 (15) Construction of a Spinal Cord Injury Cen-  
23 ter at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical  
24 Center, Syracuse, New York, in an amount not to  
25 exceed \$53,900,000.

1           (16) Upgrade Essential Electrical Distribution  
2           Systems at the Department of Veterans Affairs  
3           Medical Center, Tampa, Florida, in an amount not  
4           to exceed \$49,000,000.

5           (17) Expansion of the Spinal Cord Injury Cen-  
6           ter addition at the Department of Veterans Affairs  
7           Medical Center, Tampa, Florida, in an amount not  
8           to exceed \$7,100,000.

9           (18) Blind Rehabilitation and Psychiatric Bed  
10          renovation and new construction project at the De-  
11          partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Tem-  
12          ple, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$56,000,000.

13 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 MAJOR MED-**  
14 **ICAL FACILITY LEASES.**

15          The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the  
16          following major medical facility leases in fiscal year 2006  
17          at the locations specified, and in an amount for each lease  
18          not to exceed the amount shown for such location:

19               (1) For an outpatient clinic, Baltimore, Mary-  
20               land, \$10,908,000.

21               (2) For an outpatient clinic, Evansville, Illinois,  
22               \$8,989,000.

23               (3) For an outpatient clinic, Smith County,  
24               Texas, \$5,093,000.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2007 MAJOR MED-**  
 2 **ICAL FACILITY LEASES.**

3 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the  
 4 following major medical facility leases in fiscal year 2007  
 5 at the locations specified, and in an amount for each lease  
 6 not to exceed the amount shown for such location:

7 (1) For an outpatient and specialty care clinic,  
 8 Austin, Texas, \$6,163,000.

9 (2) For an outpatient clinic, Lowell, Massachu-  
 10 setts, \$2,520,000.

11 (3) For an outpatient clinic, Grand Rapids,  
 12 Michigan, \$4,409,000.

13 (4) For up to four outpatient clinics, Las  
 14 Vegas, Nevada, \$8,518,000.

15 (5) For an outpatient clinic, Parma, Ohio,  
 16 \$5,032,000.

17 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FIS-  
 19 CAL YEAR 2006 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.—  
 20 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary  
 21 of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2006 for the Construc-  
 22 tion, Major Projects, account, \$1,606,000,000  
 23 \$998,000,000 for the projects authorized in section 1.

24 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
 25 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS UNDER CAPITAL  
 26 ASSET REALIGNMENT INITIATIVE.—

1           (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2           There is authorized to be appropriated for the Sec-  
3           retary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2007 for  
4           the Construction, Major Projects, account,  
5           \$1,750,120,000 for the projects whose authorization  
6           is extended by section 2.

7           (2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pur-

8           suant to the authorization of appropriations in para-  
9           graph (1) shall remain available until September 30,  
10          2009.

11          (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR

12 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY LEASES.—

13           (1) FISCAL YEAR 2006 LEASES.—There is au-

14           thorized to be appropriated for the Secretary of Vet-  
15           erans Affairs for fiscal year 2006 for the Medical  
16           Care account, \$24,990,000 for the leases authorized  
17           in section 4.

18           (2) FISCAL YEAR 2007 LEASES.—There is au-

19           thorized to be appropriated for the Secretary of Vet-  
20           erans Affairs for fiscal year 2007 for the Medical  
21           Care account, \$26,642,000 for the leases authorized  
22           in section 5.

23          (d) LIMITATION.—The projects authorized in sections

24 1 and 2 may only be carried out using—

1           (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2006 or  
2           2007 pursuant to the authorization of appropria-  
3           tions in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section;

4           (2) funds available for Construction, Major  
5           Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2006  
6           that remain available for obligation;

7           (3) funds available for Construction, Major  
8           Projects, for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2006 or  
9           2007 that are available for obligation; and

10          (4) funds appropriated for Construction, Major  
11          Projects, for fiscal year 2006 or 2007 for a category  
12          of activity not specific to a project.

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