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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 26, 2011]

A BILL

To authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Health Care*
5 *Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2012 MAJOR MED-**
7 **ICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.**

8 *The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the*
9 *following major medical facility projects in fiscal year*
10 *2012, with each project to be carried out in the amount*
11 *specified for each project:*

12 *(1) Construction of seismic corrections for Build-*
13 *ing 100 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Med-*
14 *ical Center in Seattle, Washington, in an amount not*
15 *to exceed \$51,800,000.*

16 *(2) Construction of seismic corrections and ren-*
17 *ovation of various buildings to include Building 209*
18 *for housing facilities for homeless veterans at the De-*
19 *partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West*
20 *Los Angeles, California, in an amount not to exceed*
21 *\$35,500,000.*

1 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN**
 2 **MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION**
 3 **PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED.**

4 (a) *MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL*
 5 *YEAR 2007 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT AT DE-*
 6 *PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN*
 7 *FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS.—Section 803(3) of the Veterans*
 8 *Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of*
 9 *2006 (Public Law 109–461) is amended—*

10 (1) *by inserting “and a parking garage” after*
 11 *“clinical addition”; and*

12 (2) *by striking “\$56,163,000” and inserting*
 13 *“\$90,600,000”.*

14 (b) *MODIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION*
 15 *FOR MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT*
 16 *IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN CON-*
 17 *NECTION WITH CAPITAL ASSET REALIGNMENT INITIA-*
 18 *TIVE.—Section 802(11) of the Veterans Benefits, Health*
 19 *Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006 (Public Law*
 20 *109–461), as amended by section 702(b)(4) of the Veterans’*
 21 *Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act of 2008*
 22 *(Public Law 110–387; 122 Stat. 4137), is amended by in-*
 23 *serting “, including a Simulation, Learning, Education,*
 24 *and Research Network Center,” after “Florida, area”.*

25 (c) *INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZATION OF FIS-*
 26 *CAL YEAR 2008 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT AT*

1 *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN*
 2 *PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-*
 3 *fairs may carry out the major medical facility project at*
 4 *the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Palo*
 5 *Alto, California, for which amounts were appropriated*
 6 *under chapter 3 of title I of the Supplemental Appropria-*
 7 *tions Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252; 122 Stat. 2326)*
 8 *under the heading “CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS”*
 9 *under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-*
 10 *FAIRS” in an amount not to exceed \$716,600,000.*

11 *(d) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZATION OF FIS-*
 12 *CAL YEAR 2009 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT AT*
 13 *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER,*
 14 *SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.—Section 701(3) of the Veterans’*
 15 *Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act of 2008*
 16 *(Public Law 110–387; 122 Stat. 4137) is amended by strik-*
 17 *ing “\$225,900,000” and inserting “\$277,000,000”.*

18 *(e) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZATION OF FIS-*
 19 *CAL YEAR 2007 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT AT*
 20 *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER,*
 21 *ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.—Section 803(5) of the Veterans Ben-*
 22 *efits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006*
 23 *(Public Law 109–461) is amended by striking*
 24 *“\$69,053,000” and inserting “\$346,300,000”.*

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2012 MAJOR MED-**
2 **ICAL FACILITY LEASES.**

3 *The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the*
4 *following fiscal year 2012 major medical facility leases at*
5 *the locations specified, in an amount not to exceed the*
6 *amount shown for that location:*

7 (1) *Columbus, Georgia, Community-Based Out-*
8 *patient Clinic, in an amount not to exceed*
9 *\$5,335,000.*

10 (2) *Fort Wayne, Indiana, Outpatient Clinic, in*
11 *an amount not to exceed \$2,845,000.*

12 (3) *Mobile, Alabama, Outpatient Clinic, in an*
13 *amount not to exceed \$6,565,000.*

14 (4) *Rochester, New York, Outpatient Clinic, in*
15 *an amount not to exceed \$9,232,000.*

16 (5) *Salem, Oregon, Community-Based Out-*
17 *patient Clinic, in an amount not to exceed*
18 *\$2,549,000.*

19 (6) *San Jose, California, Outpatient Clinic, in*
20 *an amount not to exceed \$9,546,000.*

21 (7) *South Bend, Indiana, Outpatient Clinic, in*
22 *an amount not to exceed \$6,731,000.*

23 (8) *Springfield, Missouri, Community-Based*
24 *Outpatient Clinic, in an amount not to exceed*
25 *\$6,489,000.*

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CON-*
3 *STRUCTION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the*
4 *Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2012 or the*
5 *year in which funds are appropriated for the Construction,*
6 *Major Projects account \$87,300,000 for the projects author-*
7 *ized in section 2.*

8 (b) *MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN*
9 *MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PRE-*
10 *VIOUSLY AUTHORIZED.—There is authorized to be appro-*
11 *priated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year*
12 *2012 or the year in which funds are appropriated for the*
13 *Construction, Major Projects account \$850,070,000 for the*
14 *projects authorized in section 3.*

15 (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MED-*
16 *ICAL FACILITY LEASES.—There is authorized to be appro-*
17 *priated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year*
18 *2012 or the year in which funds are appropriated for the*
19 *Medical Facilities account \$49,292,000 for the leases au-*
20 *thorized in section 4.*

21 (d) *LIMITATION.—The projects authorized in sections*
22 *2, 3, and 4 may only be carried out using—*

23 (1) *funds appropriated for fiscal year 2012 pur-*
24 *suant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-*
25 *section (a) of this section;*

1 (2) *funds available for Construction, Major*
 2 *Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2012 that*
 3 *remain available for obligation;*

4 (3) *funds available for Construction, Major*
 5 *Projects, for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2012 that*
 6 *remain available for obligation;*

7 (4) *funds appropriated for Construction, Major*
 8 *Projects, for fiscal year 2012 for a category of activity*
 9 *not specific to a project;*

10 (5) *funds appropriated for Construction, Major*
 11 *Projects, for a fiscal year before 2012 for a category*
 12 *of activity not specific to a project; and*

13 (6) *funds appropriated for Construction, Major*
 14 *Projects, for a fiscal year after 2012 for a category of*
 15 *activity not specific to a project.*

16 **SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO**
 17 **CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF CERTAIN**
 18 **MEDICAL FACILITY ACQUISITIONS.**

19 *Section 8104 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-*
 20 *ed—*

21 (1) *in subsection (b)—*

22 (A) *in paragraph (1)—*

23 (i) *by striking “detailed description”*
 24 *and inserting “detailed estimate of the total*
 25 *costs”;*

1 (ii) by striking “a description of the
2 consideration” and inserting “a detailed re-
3 port of the consideration”; and

4 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing: “Such detailed estimate shall in-
6 clude an identification of each of the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(A) Total construction costs.

9 “(B) Activation costs.

10 “(C) Special purpose alterations (lump-sum
11 payment) costs.

12 “(D) Number of personnel.

13 “(E) Total costs of ancillary services, equip-
14 ment, and all other items.”;

15 (B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and
16 redesignating paragraphs (4) through (8) as
17 paragraphs (2) through (6), respectively;

18 (C) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated, by
19 striking “a five-year period and a ten-year pe-
20 riod” and inserting “a five-year period, a ten-
21 year period, and a twenty-year period”;

22 (D) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated, by
23 inserting before the period at the end the fol-
24 lowing: “, including information on projected
25 changes in workload and utilization over a five-

1 *year period, a ten-year period, and a twenty-*
2 *year period”;*

3 *(E) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—*

4 *(i) by striking “Current and projected”*
5 *and inserting “Projected”; and*

6 *(ii) by inserting before the period at*
7 *the end the following: “(including and iden-*
8 *tifying both recurring and non-recurring*
9 *costs (including activation costs and total*
10 *costs of ancillary services, equipment and*
11 *all other items)) over a five-year period, a*
12 *ten-year period, and a twenty-year period”;*
13 *and*

14 *(F) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated—*

15 *(i) by striking “a description of each*
16 *alternative to construction of the facility*
17 *that was considered” and inserting “each of*
18 *the following”; and*

19 *(ii) by adding at the end the following*
20 *new subparagraphs:*

21 *“(A) A detailed estimate of the total costs*
22 *(including total construction costs, activation*
23 *costs, special purpose alterations (lump-sum*
24 *payment) costs, number of personnel and total*
25 *costs of ancillary services, equipment and all*

1 *other items) for each alternative to construction*
 2 *of the facility that was considered.*

3 *“(B) A comparison of total costs to total*
 4 *benefits for each such alternative.*

5 *“(C) An explanation of why the preferred*
 6 *alternative is the most effective means to achieve*
 7 *the stated project goals and the most cost-effective*
 8 *alternative.”; and*

9 *(2) in subsection (d)—*

10 *(A) by striking “major medical facility*
 11 *project” each place it appears and inserting*
 12 *“major construction project”; and*

13 *(B) in paragraph—*

14 *(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking*
 15 *“major medical facility projects” and in-*
 16 *serting “major construction projects”; and*

17 *(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking*
 18 *“major medical facility” and inserting*
 19 *“major construction project”.*

20 **SEC. 7. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
 21 **TELEHEALTH CLINIC, CRAIG, COLORADO.**

22 *The Department of Veterans Affairs telehealth clinic*
 23 *in Craig, Colorado, shall after the date of the enactment*
 24 *of this Act be known and designated as the “Major William*
 25 *Edward Adams Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.*

1 *Any reference to such clinic in any law, regulation, map,*
 2 *document, record, or other paper of the United States shall*
 3 *be considered to be a reference to the “Major William Ed-*
 4 *ward Adams Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.*

5 **SEC. 8. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING AUTHORITIES.**

6 (a) *RECOVERY AUDITS FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTS.*—
 7 *Section 1703(d)(4) of title 38, United States Code, is*
 8 *amended by striking “September 30, 2013” and inserting*
 9 *“September 30, 2020”.*

10 (b) *TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERI-*
 11 *OUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.*—*Sec-*
 12 *tion 2031(b) of such title is amended by striking “December*
 13 *31, 2011” and inserting “December 31, 2012”.*

14 (c) *ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR SERIOUSLY MENTALLY*
 15 *ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.*—*Section 2033(d) of such*
 16 *title is amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and in-*
 17 *serting “December 31, 2012”.*

18 (d) *HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS VET-*
 19 *ERANS.*—*Section 2041(c) of such title is amended by strik-*
 20 *ing “December 31, 2011” and inserting “December 31,*
 21 *2012”.*

22 (e) *ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS VET-*
 23 *ERANS.*—*Section 2066(d) of such title is amended by strik-*
 24 *ing “December 30, 2011” and inserting “December 31,*
 25 *2012”.*

1 (f) *AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY.*—Sec-
 2 tion 8118(a)(5) of such title is amended by striking “the
 3 date that is seven years after the date of the enactment of
 4 this section” and inserting “December 31, 2018”.

5 **SEC. 9. GEORGE H. O'BRIEN, JR., DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
 6 **ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER.**

7 (a) *DESIGNATION.*—The Department of Veterans Af-
 8 fairs medical center located in Big Spring, Texas, shall be
 9 known and designated as the “George H. O'Brien, Jr., De-
 10 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

11 (b) *REFERENCES.*—Any reference in a law, map, regu-
 12 lation, document, paper, or other record of the United
 13 States to the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center
 14 referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference
 15 to the “George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Af-
 16 fairs Medical Center”.

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