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To authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “VA Major Construction Authorization and Expiring Au-
6 thorities Extension Act of 2012”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.
- Sec. 3. Scoring of budgetary effects.

TITLE I—CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS

- Sec. 101. Authorization of fiscal year 2013 major medical facility projects.
- Sec. 102. Authorization of major medical facility project in Miami, Florida.
- Sec. 103. Authorization of fiscal year 2013 major medical facility leases.
- Sec. 104. Authorization in reduced amounts for major facility leases previously authorized in prior fiscal years.
- Sec. 105. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE II—EXTENSIONS OF CERTAIN EXPIRING AUTHORITIES

- Sec. 201. Extension of authority to calculate the net value of real property securing a defaulted loan for purposes of liquidation.
- Sec. 202. Extension of authority for operation of the Department of Veterans Affairs regional office in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines.
- Sec. 203. Extension of authority to provide treatment, rehabilitation, and certain other services for seriously mentally ill and homeless veterans.
- Sec. 204. Extension of authority to provide expanded services to homeless veterans.
- Sec. 205. Extension of authority to provide housing assistance for homeless veterans.
- Sec. 206. Extension of authority for the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans.
- Sec. 207. Extension of authority for the performance of medical disability examinations by contract physicians.

3 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.**

4 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
 5 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
 6 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
 7 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
 8 section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

9 **SEC. 3. SCORING OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

10 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
 11 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,

1 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
2 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
3 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
4 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
5 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
6 vote on passage.

7 **TITLE I—CONSTRUCTION** 8 **AUTHORIZATIONS**

9 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2013 MAJOR** 10 **MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.**

11 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
12 following major medical facility projects in fiscal year
13 2013 in the amount specified for each project:

14 (1) Construction of a mental health building at
15 the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center,
16 Seattle, Washington, in an amount not to exceed
17 \$222,000,000.

18 (2) Construction of a spinal cord injury center
19 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-
20 ter, Dallas, Texas, in an amount not to exceed
21 \$155,200,000.

22 **SEC. 102. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY** 23 **PROJECT IN MIAMI, FLORIDA.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
25 may carry out the major medical facility project described

1 in subsection (b) in an amount not to exceed a total of
2 \$41,000,000.

3 (b) PROJECT DESCRIBED.—The major medical facil-
4 ity project described in this subsection is the renovation
5 of the surgical suite and operating rooms at the Depart-
6 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Miami, Florida.

7 **SEC. 103. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2013 MAJOR**
8 **MEDICAL FACILITY LEASES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
10 may carry out the following major medical facility leases
11 in fiscal year 2013 at the locations specified, and in an
12 amount for each lease not to exceed the amount shown
13 for such location:

14 (1) For a clinical research and pharmacy co-
15 ordinating center, Albuquerque, New Mexico, an
16 amount not to exceed \$7,281,000.

17 (2) For a community based outpatient clinic,
18 Brick, New Jersey, an amount not to exceed
19 \$6,314,000.

20 (3) For a new primary care and dental clinic
21 annex, Charleston, South Carolina, an amount not
22 to exceed \$9,410,000.

23 (4) For the Cobb County Community Based
24 Outpatient Clinic, Cobb County, Georgia, an amount
25 not to exceed \$6,415,000.

1 (5) For the Leeward Outpatient Healthcare Ac-
2 cess Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, including a co-lo-
3 cated clinic with the Department of Defense and the
4 co-location of the Honolulu Regional Office of the
5 Veterans Benefits Administration and the Kapolei
6 Vet Center of the Department of Veterans Affairs,
7 an amount not to exceed \$16,453,300.

8 (6) For a community based outpatient clinic,
9 Lafayette, Louisiana, an amount not to exceed
10 \$3,039,296.

11 (7) For a community based outpatient clinic,
12 Lake Charles, Louisiana, an amount not to exceed
13 \$2,312,128.

14 (8) For outpatient clinic consolidation, New
15 Port Richey, Florida, an amount not to exceed
16 \$11,373,000.

17 (9) For an outpatient clinic, Ponce, Puerto
18 Rico, an amount not to exceed \$15,325,500.

19 (10) For lease consolidation, San Antonio,
20 Texas, an amount not to exceed \$21,143,000.

21 (11) For the Errera Community Care Center,
22 West Haven, Connecticut, an amount not to exceed
23 \$4,842,000.

1 (12) For the Worcester Community Based
 2 Outpatient Clinic, Worcester, Massachusetts, an
 3 amount not to exceed \$4,249,000.

4 (b) DANIEL KAHIKINA AKAKA DEPARTMENT OF
 5 VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTHCARE ACCESS CENTER.—

6 (1) DESIGNATION.—The outpatient healthcare
 7 access center in Honolulu, Hawaii, described in sub-
 8 section (a)(5) shall after the date of the enactment
 9 of this Act be known and designated as the “Daniel
 10 Kahikina Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs
 11 Healthcare Access Center”.

12 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law,
 13 regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of
 14 the United States to the center referred to in sub-
 15 section (b)(1) shall be considered to be a reference
 16 to the “Daniel Kahikina Akaka Department of Vet-
 17 erans Affairs Healthcare Access Center”.

18 **SEC. 104. AUTHORIZATION IN REDUCED AMOUNTS FOR**
 19 **MAJOR FACILITY LEASES PREVIOUSLY AU-**
 20 **THORIZED IN PRIOR FISCAL YEARS.**

21 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
 22 following major medical facility leases in fiscal year 2013
 23 at the locations specified, in an amount for each lease not
 24 to exceed the amount shown for such location:

1 (1) For a community based outpatient clinic,
2 Johnson County, Kansas, authorized by section
3 1(a)(9) of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize
4 major medical facility leases for the Department of
5 Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010, and for other
6 purposes.” (Public Law 111–82; 123 Stat. 2140),
7 an amount not to exceed \$2,431,900.

8 (2) For the expansion of a community based
9 outpatient clinic, San Diego, California, authorized
10 by section 901(3) of the Veterans’ Benefits Act of
11 2010 (Public Law 111–275; 124 Stat. 2894), an
12 amount not to exceed \$11,893,505.

13 (3) For the expansion of the community based
14 outpatient clinic, Tyler, Texas, authorized by section
15 7(a)(3) of the Veterans Programs Extension Act of
16 2006 (Public Law 109–444; 120 Stat. 3312), an
17 amount not to exceed \$3,610,775.

18 **SEC. 105. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CON-
20 STRUCTION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to
21 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2013 or
22 the year in which funds are appropriated for the Construc-
23 tion, Major Projects, account \$377,200,000 for the
24 projects authorized in section 101.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MED-
2 ICAL FACILITY LEASES.—There is authorized to be appro-
3 priated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year
4 2013 or the year in which funds are appropriated for the
5 Medical Facilities account \$126,093,404 for the leases au-
6 thorized in sections 103(a) and 104.

7 (c) LIMITATION.—In addition to any limitations
8 under section 8104 of title 38, United States Code, or
9 other provision of law that apply to the projects authorized
10 in section 101 and 102, such projects may only be carried
11 out using—

12 (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2013 pur-
13 suant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-
14 section (a) of this section;

15 (2) funds available for Construction, Major
16 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2013
17 that remain available for obligation;

18 (3) funds available for Construction, Major
19 Projects, for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2013 that
20 remain available for obligation;

21 (4) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
22 Projects, for fiscal year 2013 for a category of activ-
23 ity not specific to a project;

1 (5) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
2 Projects, for a fiscal year before 2013 for a category
3 of activity not specific to a project; and

4 (6) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
5 Projects, for a fiscal year after 2013 for a category
6 of activity not specific to a project.

7 **TITLE II—EXTENSIONS OF CER-** 8 **TAIN EXPIRING AUTHORITIES**

9 **SEC. 201. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CALCULATE THE** 10 **NET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY SECURING A** 11 **DEFAULTED LOAN FOR PURPOSES OF LIQ-** 12 **UIDATION.**

13 Section 3732(c)(11) is amended by striking “October
14 1, 2012” and inserting “October 1, 2013”.

15 **SEC. 202. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR OPERATION OF** 16 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS** 17 **REGIONAL OFFICE IN MANILA, THE REPUB-** 18 **LIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

19 Section 315(b) is amended by striking “December 31,
20 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”. Such section
21 315 shall be carried out as amended by this section not-
22 withstanding the date described in section 151 of the Con-
23 tinuing Appropriations Resolution, 2013.

1 **SEC. 203. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TREAT-**
2 **MENT, REHABILITATION, AND CERTAIN**
3 **OTHER SERVICES FOR SERIOUSLY MEN-**
4 **TALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.**

5 Section 2031(b) is amended by striking “December
6 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

7 **SEC. 204. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE EX-**
8 **PANDED SERVICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

9 Section 2033(d) is amended by striking “December
10 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

11 **SEC. 205. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE HOUS-**
12 **ING ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.**

13 Section 2041(c) is amended by striking “December
14 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

15 **SEC. 206. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE ADVISORY**
16 **COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS VETERANS.**

17 Section 2066(d) is amended by striking “December
18 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

19 **SEC. 207. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE PERFORM-**
20 **ANCE OF MEDICAL DISABILITY EXAMINA-**
21 **TIONS BY CONTRACT PHYSICIANS.**

22 Section 704(c) of the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003
23 (38 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended by striking “December
24 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

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