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AN ACT

To authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend 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,*

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

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

5 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 6 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 appropriations.

TITLE II—EXTENSIONS OF CERTAIN EXPIRING AUTHORITIES

- Sec. 201. Extension of authority to calculate the net value of real property se-
curing 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 Phil-
ippines.
- Sec. 203. Extension of authority to provide treatment, rehabilitation, and cer-
tain other services for seriously mentally ill and homeless vet-
erans.
- Sec. 204. Extension of authority to provide expanded services to homeless vet-
erans.
- Sec. 205. Extension of authority to provide housing assistance for homeless vet-
erans.
- Sec. 206. Extension of authority for the Advisory Committee on Homeless Vet-
erans.
- Sec. 207. Extension of authority for the performance of medical disability ex-
aminations by contract physicians.

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

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

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

2 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
3 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
4 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
5 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
6 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
7 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
8 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
9 vote on passage.

10 **TITLE I—CONSTRUCTION**
11 **AUTHORIZATIONS**

12 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2013 MAJOR**
13 **MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.**

14 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
15 following major medical facility projects in fiscal year
16 2013 in the amount specified for each project:

17 (1) Construction of a mental health building at
18 the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center,
19 Seattle, Washington, in an amount not to exceed
20 \$222,000,000.

21 (2) Construction of a spinal cord injury center
22 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-
23 ter, Dallas, Texas, in an amount not to exceed
24 \$155,200,000.

1 **SEC. 102. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
2 **PROJECT IN MIAMI, FLORIDA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
4 may carry out the major medical facility project described
5 in subsection (b) in an amount not to exceed a total of
6 \$41,000,000.

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

11 **SEC. 103. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CON-
13 STRUCTION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to
14 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2013 or
15 the year in which funds are appropriated for the Construc-
16 tion, Major Projects, account \$377,200,000 for the
17 projects authorized in section 101.

18 (b) LIMITATION.—In addition to any limitations
19 under section 8104 of title 38, United States Code, or
20 other provision of law that apply to the projects authorized
21 in section 101 and 102, such projects may only be carried
22 out using—

23 (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2013 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 2013
3 that remain available for obligation;

4 (3) funds available for Construction, Major
5 Projects, for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2013 that
6 remain available for obligation;

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

10 (5) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
11 Projects, for a fiscal year before 2013 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 2013 for a category
15 of activity not specific to a project.

16 **TITLE II—EXTENSIONS OF CER-** 17 **TAIN EXPIRING AUTHORITIES**

18 **SEC. 201. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CALCULATE THE** 19 **NET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY SECURING A** 20 **DEFAULTED LOAN FOR PURPOSES OF LIQ-** 21 **UIDATION.**

22 Section 3732(c)(11) is amended by striking “October
23 1, 2012” and inserting “October 1, 2013”.

1 **SEC. 202. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR OPERATION OF**
2 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
3 **REGIONAL OFFICE IN MANILA, THE REPUB-**
4 **LIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

5 Section 315(b) is amended by striking “December 31,
6 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”. Such section
7 315 shall be carried out as amended by this section not-
8 withstanding the date described in section 151 of the Con-
9 tinuing Appropriations Resolution, 2013.

10 **SEC. 203. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TREAT-**
11 **MENT, REHABILITATION, AND CERTAIN**
12 **OTHER SERVICES FOR SERIOUSLY MEN-**
13 **TALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.**

14 Section 2031(b) is amended by striking “December
15 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

16 **SEC. 204. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE EX-**
17 **PANDED SERVICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

18 Section 2033(d) is amended by striking “December
19 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

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

22 Section 2041(c) is amended by striking “December
23 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

1 **SEC. 206. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE ADVISORY**
2 **COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS VETERANS.**

3 Section 2066(d) is amended by striking “December
4 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

5 **SEC. 207. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE PERFORM-**
6 **ANCE OF MEDICAL DISABILITY EXAMINA-**
7 **TIONS BY CONTRACT PHYSICIANS.**

8 Section 704(c) of the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003
9 (38 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended by striking “December
10 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 19,
2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.