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## AN ACT

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, 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 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any  
2 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the  
3 fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, for military con-  
4 struction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related  
5 agencies, and for other purposes, namely:

6 TITLE I

7 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

8 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

9 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
10 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military  
11 installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as  
12 currently authorized by law, including personnel in the  
13 Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-  
14 essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-  
15 struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-  
16 tions of the Commander in Chief, \$2,103,657,000, to re-  
17 main available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That,  
18 of this amount, not to exceed \$321,838,000 shall be avail-  
19 able for study, planning, design, architect and engineer  
20 services, and host nation support, as authorized by law,  
21 unless the Secretary of the Army determines that addi-  
22 tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and no-  
23 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
24 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:  
25 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available

1 under this heading, \$77,300,000 shall be for the projects  
2 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table  
3 under the heading “Military Construction, Army” in the  
4 report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts oth-  
5 erwise available for such purposes.

6 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

7 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
8 ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-  
9 stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and  
10 Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including  
11 personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
12 and other personal services necessary for the purposes of  
13 this appropriation, \$4,104,499,000, (reduced by  
14 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by  
15 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) to remain avail-  
16 able until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of this  
17 amount, not to exceed \$526,821,000 shall be available for  
18 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
19 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the  
20 Navy determines that additional obligations are necessary  
21 for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appro-  
22 priations of both Houses of Congress of the determination  
23 and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the  
24 amount made available under this heading, \$155,100,000  
25 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,

1 specified in the table under the heading “Military Con-  
2 struction, Navy and Marine Corps” in the report accom-  
3 panying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise avail-  
4 able for such purposes.

5           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

6           For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
7 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military  
8 installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force  
9 as currently authorized by law, \$3,169,526,000, (in-  
10 creased by \$4,100,000) to remain available until Sep-  
11 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of this amount, not to  
12 exceed \$460,886,000 (increased by \$4,100,000) shall be  
13 available for study, planning, design, and architect and en-  
14 gineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary  
15 of the Air Force determines that additional obligations are  
16 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees  
17 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-  
18 termination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*,  
19 That of the amount made available under this heading,  
20 \$32,400,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and  
21 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading  
22 “Military Construction, Air Force” in the report accom-  
23 panying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise avail-  
24 able for such purposes.

## 1           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

2                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3           For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
4   ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-  
5   tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-  
6   cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military  
7   departments), as currently authorized by law,  
8   \$3,963,383,000, (reduced by \$360,000,000) (increased by  
9   \$360,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by  
10  \$1,000,000) to remain available until September 30,  
11  2030: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation  
12  as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may  
13  be transferred to such appropriations of the Department  
14  of Defense available for military construction or family  
15  housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with  
16  and to be available for the same purposes, and for the  
17  same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which  
18  transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to  
19  exceed \$822,998,000 shall be available for study, plan-  
20  ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-  
21  thorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense deter-  
22  mines that additional obligations are necessary for such  
23  purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations  
24  of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the  
25  reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount

1 made available under this heading, \$82,000,000 shall be  
2 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-  
3 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,  
4 Defense-Wide” in the report accompanying this Act, in ad-  
5 dition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

6       MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

7       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
8 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
9 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-  
10 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
11 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
12 tion Acts, \$358,489,000, (reduced by \$55,000,000) (in-  
13 creased by \$55,000,000) to remain available until Sep-  
14 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to  
15 exceed \$47,439,000 shall be available for study, planning,  
16 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized  
17 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard  
18 determines that additional obligations are necessary for  
19 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-  
20 tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and  
21 the reasons therefor.

22       MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

23       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
24 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
25 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions

1 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United  
2 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization  
3 Acts, \$210,492,000, to remain available until September  
4 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed  
5 \$36,092,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,  
6 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,  
7 unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines  
8 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes  
9 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both  
10 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons  
11 therefor.

12           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

13       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
14 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
15 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter  
16 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-  
17 struction Authorization Acts, \$305,032,000, to remain  
18 available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the  
19 amount, not to exceed \$31,508,000 shall be available for  
20 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
21 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army  
22 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-  
23 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on  
24 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-  
25 mination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That

1 of the amount made available under this heading,  
2 \$50,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and  
3 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading  
4 “Military Construction, Army Reserve” in the report ac-  
5 companying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise  
6 available for such purposes.

7           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

8           For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
9 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
10 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and  
11 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
12 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
13 tion Acts, \$79,829,000, to remain available until Sep-  
14 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to  
15 exceed \$3,219,000 shall be available for study, planning,  
16 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized  
17 by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that  
18 additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and  
19 notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
20 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:  
21 *Provided further*, That, of the amount made available  
22 under this heading, \$50,000,000 shall be for the projects  
23 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table  
24 under the heading “Military Construction, Navy Reserve”



1 in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to  
2 amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

3       MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

4       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
5 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
6 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by  
7 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military  
8 Construction Authorization Acts, \$37,863,000, to remain  
9 available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the  
10 amount, not to exceed \$20,162,000 shall be available for  
11 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
12 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air  
13 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are  
14 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees  
15 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-  
16 termination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*,  
17 That of the amount made available under this heading,  
18 \$3,200,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in  
19 the amounts, specified in the table under the heading  
20 “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve” in the report  
21 accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise  
22 made available for such purposes.

## 1 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

## 2 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

3 For the United States share of the cost of the North  
4 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-  
5 gram for the acquisition and construction of military fa-  
6 cilities and installations (including international military  
7 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective  
8 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized  
9 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-  
10 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$293,434,000, (re-  
11 duced by \$4,100,000) to remain available until expended.

## 12 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

13 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base  
14 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-  
15 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10  
16 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$489,174,000, to remain available  
17 until expended.

## 18 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

19 For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-  
20 struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-  
21 pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,  
22 \$276,647,000, to remain available until September 30,  
23 2030.

7 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE  
8 CORPS

14 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
15 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

21 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

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1 \$221,549,000, to remain available until September 30,  
2 2030.

3 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR  
4 FORCE

5 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for  
6 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-  
7 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,  
8 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,  
9 \$346,250,000.

10 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
11 DEFENSE-WIDE

12 For expenses of family housing for the activities and  
13 agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the  
14 military departments) for operation and maintenance,  
15 leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law,  
16 \$52,156,000.

17 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

18 FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

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

1                   DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
2       MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT  
3                   FUND

4       For the Department of Defense Military Unaccom-  
5 panied Housing Improvement Fund, \$497,000 (reduced  
6 by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000), to remain  
7 available until expended, for unaccompanied housing ini-  
8 tiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10,  
9 United States Code, providing alternative means of acquir-  
10 ing and improving military unaccompanied housing and  
11 supporting facilities.

12                   ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

13       SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this  
14 title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-  
15 fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates  
16 exceed \$25,000, to be performed within the United States,  
17 except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of  
18 the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons there-  
19 for.

20       SEC. 102. Funds made available in this title for con-  
21 struction shall be available for hire of passenger motor ve-  
22 hicles.

23       SEC. 103. Funds made available in this title for con-  
24 struction may be used for advances to the Federal High-  
25 way Administration, Department of Transportation, for

1 the construction of access roads as authorized by section  
2 210 of title 23, United States Code, when projects author-  
3 ized therein are certified as important to the national de-  
4 fense by the Secretary of Defense.

5 SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this  
6 title may be used to begin construction of new bases in  
7 the United States for which specific appropriations have  
8 not been made.

9 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this  
10 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements  
11 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by  
12 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-  
13 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-  
14 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated  
15 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney  
16 General; (3) where the estimated value is less than  
17 \$25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary  
18 of Defense to be in the public interest.

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

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

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

11       SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Depart-  
12 ment of Defense for military construction or family hous-  
13 ing during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real  
14 property taxes in any foreign nation.

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

19       SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this  
20 title may be obligated for architect and engineer contracts  
21 estimated by the Government to exceed \$500,000 for  
22 projects to be accomplished in Japan, in any North Atlan-  
23 tic Treaty Organization member country, or in countries  
24 bordering the Arabian Gulf, unless such contracts are

1 awarded to United States firms or United States firms  
2 in joint venture with host nation firms.

3 SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this  
4 title for military construction in the United States terri-  
5 tories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein  
6 Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be  
7 used to award any contract estimated by the Government  
8 to exceed \$1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: *Provided*,  
9 That this section shall not be applicable to contract  
10 awards for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid  
11 of a United States contractor exceeds the lowest respon-  
12 sive and responsible bid of a foreign contractor by greater  
13 than 20 percent: *Provided further*, That this section shall  
14 not apply to contract awards for military construction on  
15 Kwajalein Atoll for which the lowest responsive and re-  
16 sponsible bid is submitted by a Marshallese contractor.

17 SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense shall inform the  
18 appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, in-  
19 cluding the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and  
20 scope of any proposed military exercise involving United  
21 States personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts  
22 expended for construction, either temporary or permanent,  
23 are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.

24 SEC. 114. Funds appropriated to the Department of  
25 Defense for construction in prior years shall be available



1 for construction authorized for each such military depart-  
2 ment by the authorizations enacted into law during the  
3 current session of Congress.

4 SEC. 115. For military construction or family housing  
5 projects that are being completed with funds otherwise ex-  
6 pired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may  
7 be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspec-  
8 tion, overhead, engineering and design on those projects  
9 and on subsequent claims, if any.

10 SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
11 law, any funds made available to a military department  
12 or defense agency for the construction of military projects  
13 may be obligated for a military construction project or  
14 contract, or for any portion of such a project or contract,  
15 at any time before the end of the fourth fiscal year after  
16 the fiscal year for which funds for such project were made  
17 available, if the funds obligated for such project: (1) are  
18 obligated from funds available for military construction  
19 projects; and (2) do not exceed the amount appropriated  
20 for such project, plus any amount by which the cost of  
21 such project is increased pursuant to law.

22 SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or  
23 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic me-  
24 dium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,  
25 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations

1 of both Houses of Congress, such additional amounts as  
2 may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be  
3 transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family  
4 Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated  
5 for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be  
6 merged with and to be available for the same purposes  
7 and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated  
8 directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense  
9 Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund  
10 from amounts appropriated for construction of military  
11 unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” ac-  
12 counts, to be merged with and to be available for the same  
13 purposes and for the same period of time as amounts ap-  
14 propriated directly to the Fund: *Provided*, That appropria-  
15 tions made available to the Funds shall be available to  
16 cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Con-  
17 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan  
18 guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant  
19 to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title  
20 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means  
21 of acquiring and improving military family housing, mili-  
22 tary unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.

23 SEC. 118. In addition to any other transfer authority  
24 available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be  
25 transferred from the Department of Defense Base Closure

1 Account to the fund established by section 1013(d) of the  
2 Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act  
3 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated  
4 with the Homeowners Assistance Program incurred under  
5 42 U.S.C. 3374(a)(1)(A). Any amounts transferred shall  
6 be merged with and be available for the same purposes  
7 and for the same time period as the fund to which trans-  
8 ferred.

9       SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
10 law, funds made available in this title for operation and  
11 maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive  
12 source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family  
13 housing units, including general or flag officer quarters:  
14 *Provided*, That not more than \$20,000 per unit may be  
15 spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any gen-  
16 eral or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notifica-  
17 tion, or 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic  
18 medium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,  
19 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations  
20 of both Houses of Congress, except that an after-the-fact  
21 notification shall be submitted if the limitation is exceeded  
22 solely due to costs associated with environmental remedi-  
23 ation that could not be reasonably anticipated at the time  
24 of the budget submission: *Provided further*, That the  
25 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is to report an-

1 nually to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
2 Houses of Congress all operation and maintenance ex-  
3 penditures for each individual general or flag officer quar-  
4 ters for the prior fiscal year.

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

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

1        SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made  
2 available in an account funded under the headings in this  
3 title may be transferred among projects and activities  
4 within the account in accordance with the reprogramming  
5 guidelines for military construction and family housing  
6 construction contained in Department of Defense Finan-  
7 cial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chap-  
8 ter 7, of April 2021, as in effect on the date of enactment  
9 of this Act.

10       SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this  
11 title may be obligated or expended for planning and design  
12 and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-  
13 tery.

14       SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts  
15 and in the amounts specified, to remain available until  
16 September 30, 2030:

17            “Military Construction, Army”, \$100,000,000;  
18            “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
19 Corps”, \$100,000,000;  
20            “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
21 \$100,000,000;  
22            “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,  
23 \$40,000,000;  
24            “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,  
25 \$80,000,000;

1           “Military Construction, Army Reserve”,  
2       \$40,000,000;

3           “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”,  
4       \$40,000,000; and

5   *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry  
6   out construction and cost to complete projects identified  
7   in the respective military department’s unfunded priority  
8   list for fiscal year 2025 or fiscal year 2026 submitted to  
9   Congress: *Provided further*, That such projects are subject  
10  to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of  
11  funds to carry out construction: *Provided further*, That not  
12  later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
13  retary of the military department concerned, or their des-  
14  ignee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations  
15  of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds  
16  provided under this section.

17       SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-  
18  ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “De-  
19  partment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and  
20  Marine Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Con-  
21  struction, Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Mili-  
22  tary Construction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to  
23  the authorization of appropriations in a National Defense  
24  Authorization Act specified for fiscal year 2026 in the  
25  funding table in section 4601 of that Act shall be imme-

1 diately available and allotted to contract for the full scope  
2 of authorized projects.

3 SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,  
4 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-  
5 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-  
6 gated before October 1, 2027, for fiscal year 2017, 2018,  
7 2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which  
8 project authorization has not lapsed or for which author-  
9 ization is extended for fiscal year 2026 by a National De-  
10 fense Authorization Act: *Provided*, That no amounts may  
11 be obligated pursuant to this section from amounts that  
12 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-  
13 ment pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget  
14 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
15 Act of 1985.

16 SEC. 127. For the purposes of this Act, the term  
17 “congressional defense committees” means the Commit-  
18 tees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives  
19 and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construc-  
20 tion and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropria-  
21 tions of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military  
22 Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on  
23 Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

24 SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts  
25 and in the amounts specified for planning and design and

1 for construction improvements to Department of Defense  
2 laboratory facilities, to remain available until September  
3 30, 2030:

4 “Military Construction, Army”\$35,000,000;

5 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
6 Corps”, \$35,000,000; and

7 “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
8 \$35,000,000:

9 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of  
10 this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-  
11 cerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees  
12 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-  
13 ture plan for funds provided under this section: *Provided*  
14 *further*, That the Secretary of the military department  
15 concerned may not obligate or expend any funds prior to  
16 approval by the Committees on Appropriations of both  
17 Houses of Congress of the expenditure plan required by  
18 this section.

19 SEC. 129. For an additional amount for the accounts  
20 and in the amounts specified for planning and design, for  
21 child development centers, to remain available until Sep-  
22 tember 30, 2030:

23 “Military Construction, Army”, \$25,000,000;

24 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
25 Corps”, \$25,000,000; and



1           “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
2       \$25,000,000:

3 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of  
4 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-  
5 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the  
6 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
7 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

8       SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts  
9 and amounts specified for planning and design, for bar-  
10 racks, to remain available until September 30, 2030:

11           “Military Construction, Army”, \$25,000,000;

12           “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
13 Corps”, \$25,000,000; and

14           “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
15       \$25,000,000:

16 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of  
17 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-  
18 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the  
19 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
20 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

21       SEC. 131. For an additional amount for the accounts  
22 and in the amounts specified for unspecified minor con-  
23 struction for demolition, to remain available until Sep-  
24 tember 30, 2029:

25           “Military Construction, Army”, \$25,000,000;

1           “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
2       Corps”, \$25,000,000;

3           “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
4       \$25,000,000;

5   *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of  
6   enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-  
7   partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the  
8   Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
9   an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section:  
10   *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the military de-  
11   partment concerned may not obligate or expend any funds  
12   prior to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of  
13   both Houses of Congress of the expenditure plan required  
14   by this section.

15       SEC. 132. None of the funds made available by this  
16   Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment  
17   of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,  
18   Cuba.

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 \$241,947,603,000 which shall become available on Octo-  
22 ber 1, 2026, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,  
23 That not to exceed \$29,454,647 of the amount made avail-  
24 able for fiscal year 2027 under this heading shall be reim-  
25 bursed to "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Bene-

1 fits Administration”, and “Information Technology Sys-  
2 tems” for necessary expenses in implementing the provi-  
3 sions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title 38, United States  
4 Code, the funding source for which is specifically provided  
5 as the “Compensation and Pensions” appropriation: *Pro-*  
6 *vided further*, That such sums as may be earned on an  
7 actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to  
8 “Medical Care Collections Fund” to augment the funding  
9 of individual medical facilities for nursing home care pro-  
10 vided to pensioners as authorized.

#### 11 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

12 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation  
13 benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chap-  
14 ters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and  
15 61 of title 38, United States Code, \$20,057,841,000,  
16 which shall become available on October 1, 2026, to re-  
17 main available until expended: *Provided*, That expenses for  
18 rehabilitation program services and assistance which the  
19 Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of  
20 section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than  
21 under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that sub-  
22 section, shall be charged to this account.

#### 23 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

24 For military and naval insurance, national service life  
25 insurance, servicemen’s indemnities, service-disabled vet-

1 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as  
2 authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United  
3 States Code, \$97,893,000, which shall become available  
4 on October 1, 2026, to remain available until expended.

5 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

6 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such  
7 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as  
8 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of  
9 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs,  
10 including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-  
11 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
12 1974: *Provided further*, That, during fiscal year 2026,  
13 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in  
14 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for spe-  
15 cially adapted housing loans.

16 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out  
17 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$266,736,842  
18 (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000).

19 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

20 For the cost of direct loans, \$45,428, as authorized  
21 by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,  
22 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such  
23 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-  
24 sional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds  
25 made available under this heading are available to sub-

1 subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct  
2 loans not to exceed \$1,394,442.

3 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
4 carry out the direct loan program, \$507,254, which may  
5 be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-  
6 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

7 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM  
8 ACCOUNT

9 For the principal amount of direct loans, \$6,865,235,  
10 as authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38,  
11 United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including  
12 the cost of modifying such loans, shall be defined in sec-  
13 tion 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Pro-*  
14 *vided further*, That funds made available under this head-  
15 ing are available to subsidize gross obligations for the  
16 principal amount of the direct loans not to exceed  
17 \$75,000,000.

18 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
19 carry out the direct loan program, \$5,007,265, which shall  
20 be paid as appropriate to the appropriations for “General  
21 Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”  
22 and “General Administration”.

1 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS  
2 ADMINISTRATION

3 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans  
4 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-  
5 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement  
6 of the General Services Administration for security guard  
7 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-  
8 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,  
9 \$3,876,425,000 (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by  
10 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$5,000,000): *Provided*, That ex-  
11 penses for services and assistance authorized under para-  
12 graphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of section 3104(a) of title  
13 38, United States Code, that the Secretary of Veterans  
14 Affairs determines are necessary to enable entitled vet-  
15 erans: (1) to the maximum extent feasible, to become em-  
16 ployable and to obtain and maintain suitable employment;  
17 or (2) to achieve maximum independence in daily living,  
18 shall be charged to this account: *Provided further*, That,  
19 of the funds made available under this heading, not to ex-  
20 ceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,  
21 2027.

22 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
23 MEDICAL SERVICES

24 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized  
25 by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to

1 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and  
2 veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United  
3 States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not  
4 under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including  
5 medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services,  
6 food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare em-  
7 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, assist-  
8 ance and support services for caregivers as authorized by  
9 section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repay-  
10 ments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and  
11 Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public  
12 Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note),  
13 monthly assistance allowances authorized by section  
14 322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized  
15 by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-  
16 ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections  
17 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-  
18 pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787  
19 of title 38, United States Code; \$59,858,000,000, (re-  
20 duced by \$5,000,000) (increased by \$5,000,000) (reduced  
21 by \$5,000,000) (increased by \$5,000,000) (reduced by  
22 \$285,000,000) (increased by \$285,000,000) (reduced by  
23 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by  
24 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by  
25 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by



1 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (increased by  
2 \$5,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by  
3 \$1,000,000) plus reimbursements, shall become available  
4 on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available until Sep-  
5 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That of the amount made  
6 available on October 1, 2026, under this heading,  
7 \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
8 2028: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other  
9 provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
10 establish a priority for the provision of medical treatment  
11 for veterans who have service-connected disabilities, lower  
12 income, or have special needs: *Provided further*, That not-  
13 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of  
14 Veterans Affairs shall give priority funding for the provi-  
15 sion of basic medical benefits to veterans in enrollment  
16 priority groups 1 through 6: *Provided further*, That not-  
17 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of  
18 Veterans Affairs may authorize the dispensing of prescrip-  
19 tion drugs from Veterans Health Administration facilities  
20 to enrolled veterans with privately written prescriptions  
21 based on requirements established by the Secretary: *Pro-*  
22 *vided further*, That the implementation of the program de-  
23 scribed in the previous proviso shall incur no additional  
24 cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs: *Provided fur-*  
25 *ther*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure

1 that sufficient amounts appropriated under this heading  
 2 for medical supplies and equipment are available for the  
 3 acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically for female  
 4 veterans: *Provided further*, That nothing in section  
 5 2044(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, may be con-  
 6 strued as limiting amounts that may be made available  
 7 under this heading for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 in this  
 8 or prior Acts.

9 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

10 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to  
 11 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United  
 12 States Code, at non-Department facilities, \$3,000,000,000  
 13 to remain available until September 30, 2027; and in addi-  
 14 tion \$38,700,000,000, (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased  
 15 by \$1,000,000) plus reimbursements, shall become avail-  
 16 able on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available until  
 17 September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That, of the amount made  
 18 available on October 1, 2026, under this heading,  
 19 \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
 20 2028. *Provided further*, That of the \$34,000,000,000 that  
 21 became available on October 1, 2025, previously appro-  
 22 priated under this heading in the Full-Year Continuing  
 23 Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of P.L. 119-4),  
 24 \$3,000,000,000 is hereby permanently cancelled.

## 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.), \$12,000,000,000, plus  
11 reimbursements, shall become available on October 1,  
12 2026, and shall remain available until September 30,  
13 2027: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on  
14 October 1, 2026, under this heading, \$350,000,000 shall  
15 remain available until September 30, 2028.

## 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-

Contingent upon enactment of authorizing legislation to create a rental assistance voucher program for homeless veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs, for necessary expenses to carry out the Bridging Rental Assistance for Veteran Empowerment program, \$970,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2029, of which up to \$75,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out pilot programs, including any necessary administrative expenses, that aim to end homelessness among veterans.

## 1 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

2 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of  
3 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-  
4 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,  
5 \$943,000,000, (increased by \$2,000,000) (increased by  
6 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) plus reimburse-  
7 ments, shall remain available until September 30, 2027:  
8 *Provided*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-  
9 sure that sufficient amounts appropriated under this  
10 heading are available for prosthetic research specifically  
11 for female veterans, and for toxic exposure research.

## 12 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

13 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-  
14 ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-  
15 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-  
16 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase  
17 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-  
18 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-  
19 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction  
20 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$497,000,000,  
21 of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available  
22 until September 30, 2027.

## 1 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

## 2 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

## 3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary operating expenses of the Department  
5 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including  
6 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide  
7 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-  
8 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for  
9 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-  
10 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General  
11 Services Administration for security guard services,  
12 \$450,000,000, (reduced by \$2,000,000) (reduced by  
13 \$3,000,000) (reduced by \$3,500,000) (reduced by  
14 \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$3,500,000) of which not to ex-  
15 ceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,  
16 2027: *Provided*, That funds provided under this heading  
17 may be transferred to “General Operating Expenses, Vet-  
18 erans Benefits Administration”.

## 19 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

20 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of  
21 Veterans Appeals, \$287,000,000 (increased by  
22 \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by  
23 \$1,000,000) of which not to exceed 10 percent shall re-  
24 main available until September 30, 2027.

## 1 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

## 2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For necessary expenses for information technology  
4 systems and telecommunications support, including devel-  
5 opmental information systems and operational information  
6 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital  
7 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-  
8 cluding management and related contractual costs of said  
9 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with  
10 operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United  
11 States Code, \$5,882,000,000, plus reimbursements: *Pro-*  
12 *vided*, That \$1,350,000,000 shall be for pay and associ-  
13 ated costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain  
14 available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That  
15 \$4,531,000,000 shall be for operations and maintenance,  
16 of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available  
17 until September 30, 2027, and of which \$118,900,000  
18 shall remain available until September 30, 2030, for the  
19 purpose of facility activations related to projects funded  
20 by the “Construction, Major Projects”, “Construction,  
21 Minor Projects”, “Medical Facilities”, “National Ceme-  
22 tery Administration”, “General Operating Expenses, Vet-  
23 erans Benefit Administration”, and “General Administra-  
24 tion” accounts: *Provided further*, That \$1,000,000 shall  
25 be for information technology systems development, and

1 shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*  
2 *further*, That amounts made available for salaries and ex-  
3 penses, operations and maintenance, and information  
4 technology systems development may be transferred  
5 among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Vet-  
6 erans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appropria-  
7 tions of both Houses of Congress the authority to make  
8 the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided further*,  
9 That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-  
10 nology Systems” account for development may be trans-  
11 ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: *Pro-*  
12 *vided further*, That no project may be increased or de-  
13 creased by more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submit-  
14 ting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of  
15 both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an ap-  
16 proval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days  
17 has elapsed: *Provided further*, That the funds made avail-  
18 able under this heading for information technology sys-  
19 tems development shall be for the projects, and in the  
20 amounts, specified in the table entitled “Information  
21 Technology Development Projects” under this heading in  
22 the report accompanying this Act.

23 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

24 For activities related to implementation, preparation,  
25 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-



1 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-  
2 cluding contractual costs associated with operations au-  
3 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,  
4 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles  
5 5 and 38, United States Code, \$2,515,893,000, (reduced  
6 by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) to remain avail-  
7 able until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That the Sec-  
8 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees  
9 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quarterly  
10 reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and deploy-  
11 ment implementation by facility, including any changes  
12 from the deployment plan or schedule: *Provided further*,  
13 That the funds provided in this account shall only be avail-  
14 able to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be adminis-  
15 tered by that Office: *Provided further*, That 25 percent of  
16 the funds made available under this heading shall not be  
17 available until July 1, 2026, and are contingent upon the  
18 Secretary of Veterans Affairs—

19 (1) providing the Committees on Appropriations  
20 certifying and detailing any changes to the full de-  
21 ployment schedule, no later than 60 days prior to  
22 July 1, 2027; and

23 (2) certifying in writing no later than 30 days  
24 prior to July 1, 2027, the following—

1 (A) the status of issues included in the re-  
2 port referenced in paragraph (1), including  
3 issues that have not been closed but have been  
4 suitably resolved or mitigated in a manner that  
5 will enhance provider productivity and minimize  
6 the potential for patient harm; and

7 (B) whether the system is stable, and opti-  
8 mized for further deployment at VA sites.

9 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

10 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector  
11 General, to include information technology, in carrying out  
12 the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5  
13 U.S.C. App.), \$295,000,000, (increased by \$2,000,000) of  
14 which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until  
15 September 30, 2027.

16 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

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

1 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility  
2 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-  
3 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more  
4 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title  
5 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were  
6 made available in a previous major project appropriation,  
7 \$1,750,000,000, which shall remain available until Sep-  
8 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That except for advance plan-  
9 ning activities, including needs assessments which may or  
10 may not lead to capital investments, and other capital  
11 asset management related activities, including portfolio  
12 development and management activities, and planning,  
13 cost estimating, and design for major medical facility  
14 projects and major medical facility leases and investment  
15 strategy studies funded through the advance planning  
16 fund and the planning and design activities funded  
17 through the design fund, staffing expenses, and funds pro-  
18 vided for the purchase, security, and maintenance of land  
19 for the National Cemetery Administration and the Vet-  
20 erans Health Administration through the land acquisition  
21 line item, none of the funds made available under this  
22 heading shall be used for any project that has not been  
23 notified to Congress through the budgetary process or that  
24 has not been approved by the Congress through statute,  
25 joint resolution, or in the explanatory statement accom-

1 panying such Act and presented to the President at the  
2 time of enrollment: *Provided further*, That funds provided  
3 for the Veterans Health Administration through the land  
4 acquisition line item shall only be for projects included on  
5 the five year development plan notified to Congress  
6 through the budgetary process: *Provided further*, That  
7 such sums as may be necessary shall be available to reim-  
8 burse the “General Administration” account for payment  
9 of salaries and expenses of all Office of Construction and  
10 Facilities Management employees to support the full range  
11 of capital infrastructure services provided, including minor  
12 construction and leasing services: *Provided further*, That  
13 funds made available under this heading for fiscal year  
14 2026, for each approved project shall be obligated: (1) by  
15 the awarding of a construction documents contract by  
16 September 30, 2026; and (2) by the awarding of a con-  
17 struction contract by September 30, 2027: *Provided fur-*  
18 *ther*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall promptly  
19 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
20 Houses of Congress a written report on any approved  
21 major construction project for which obligations are not  
22 incurred within the time limitations established above.

23 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

24 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving  
25 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the

1 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans  
2 Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs  
3 which may lead to capital investments, architectural and  
4 engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period  
5 services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-  
6 vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite  
7 utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and  
8 site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in  
9 sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38,  
10 United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the  
11 estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the  
12 amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38,  
13 United States Code, \$232,000,000, of which  
14 \$200,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
15 2030, and of which \$32,000,000 shall remain available  
16 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-  
17 vious “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations  
18 which are hereby made available for any project where the  
19 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth  
20 in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available  
21 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the  
22 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use  
23 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or  
24 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;

1 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to  
2 minimize further loss by such causes.

3 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE  
4 FACILITIES

5 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct  
6 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-  
7 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,  
8 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing  
9 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through  
10 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$171,000,000, (in-  
11 creased by \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (in-  
12 creased by \$1,000,000) to remain available until ex-  
13 pended.

14 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

15 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations  
16 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-  
17 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United  
18 States Code, \$60,000,000, (increased by \$2,000,000) to  
19 remain available until expended.

20 COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND

21 For investment in the delivery of veterans' health  
22 care associated with exposure to environmental hazards,  
23 the expenses incident to the delivery of veterans' health  
24 care and benefits associated with exposure to environ-  
25 mental hazards, and medical and other research relating

1 to exposure to environmental hazards, as authorized by  
2 section 324 of title 38, United States Code, and in addi-  
3 tion to the amounts otherwise available for such purposes  
4 in the appropriations provided in this or prior Acts,  
5 \$52,676,000,000, which shall become available on October  
6 1, 2025, and shall remain available until expended; and,  
7 in addition, \$51,742,000,000, which shall become avail-  
8 able on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available until  
9 September 30, 2028.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2026 for  
13 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,  
14 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-  
15 ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-  
16 priations: *Provided*, That, before a transfer may take  
17 place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from  
18 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
19 gress the authority to make the transfer and such Com-  
20 mittees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period  
21 of 30 days has elapsed.

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Depart-  
24 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, in this or  
25 any other Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical

1 Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”,  
2 and “Medical Facilities” accounts may be transferred  
3 among the accounts: *Provided*, That any transfers among  
4 the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, and  
5 “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent  
6 or less of the total amount appropriated to the account  
7 in this or any other Act may take place subject to notifica-  
8 tion from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Com-  
9 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of  
10 the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided further*,  
11 That any transfers among the “Medical Services”, “Med-  
12 ical Community Care”, and “Medical Support and Compli-  
13 ance” accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the  
14 cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take place  
15 only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on  
16 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority  
17 to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided*  
18 *further*, That any transfers to or from the “Medical Facili-  
19 ties” account may take place only after the Secretary re-  
20 quests from the Committees on Appropriations of both  
21 Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer  
22 and an approval is issued.

23 SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for  
24 salaries and expenses shall be available for services au-  
25 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code;



1 hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land  
2 or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-  
3 ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United  
4 States Code.

5 SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the  
6 appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects”, and  
7 “Construction, Minor Projects”) shall be available for the  
8 purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any  
9 new hospital or home.

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

21 SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for  
22 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,  
23 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-  
24 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-  
25 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding

1 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year  
2 2025.

3 SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall  
4 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding  
5 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections  
6 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States  
7 Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund  
8 accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation  
9 and Pensions”.

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
12 law, during fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Veterans  
13 Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance  
14 Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code,  
15 the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund under section  
16 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United  
17 States Government Life Insurance Fund under section  
18 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “Gen-  
19 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-  
20 tion” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for  
21 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-  
22 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimburse-  
23 ment shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-  
24 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year  
25 2025 that are available for dividends in that program after

1 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves  
2 have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of  
3 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the  
4 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,  
5 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such  
6 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
7 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year  
8 2025 which is properly allocable to the provision of each  
9 such insurance program and to the provision of any total  
10 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-  
11 gram.

12 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use  
13 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-  
14 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-  
15 viding enhanced-use lease services shall be available until  
16 expended.

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for  
19 salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be  
20 available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-  
21 ment, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint  
22 Adjudication, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution  
23 function within the Office of Human Resources and Ad-  
24 ministration for all services provided at rates which will  
25 recover actual costs but not to exceed \$134,343,000 for

1 the Office of Resolution Management, \$7,607,000 for the  
2 Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adju-  
3 dication, and \$7,686,000 for the Alternative Dispute Res-  
4 olution function within the Office of Human Resources  
5 and Administration: *Provided*, That payments may be  
6 made in advance for services to be furnished based on esti-  
7 mated costs: *Provided further*, That amounts received shall  
8 be credited to the “General Administration” and “Infor-  
9 mation Technology Systems” accounts for use by the of-  
10 fice that provided the service.

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

1 Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are re-  
2 ceived.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
5 law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leas-  
6 ing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into  
7 the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction,  
8 Minor Projects” accounts and be used for construction  
9 (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations,  
10 and improvements of any medical facility under the juris-  
11 diction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Af-  
12 fairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount  
13 provided for in “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-  
14 struction, Minor Projects”.

15 SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical  
16 Services” are available—

17 (1) for furnishing recreational facilities, sup-  
18 plies, and equipment; and

19 (2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and  
20 other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for  
21 beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
24 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A  
25 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the

1 “Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-  
2 counts to remain available until expended for the purposes  
3 of these accounts.

4 SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may  
5 enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health  
6 Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and  
7 Tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native  
8 Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, to pro-  
9 vide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental  
10 care, to veterans in rural Alaska. The Secretary shall re-  
11 quire participating veterans and facilities to comply with  
12 all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the  
13 Secretary. The term “rural Alaska” shall mean those  
14 lands which are not within the boundaries of the munici-  
15 pality of Anchorage or the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
18 Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pur-  
19 suant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may  
20 be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and  
21 “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain avail-  
22 able until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

23 SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
24 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
25 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both

1 Houses of Congress a report on the financial status of the  
2 Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter:  
3 *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include  
4 the direction contained in the paragraph entitled “Quar-  
5 terly reporting”, under the heading “General Administra-  
6 tion” in the joint explanatory statement accompanying  
7 Public Law 114–223.

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Med-  
10 ical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Sup-  
11 port and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Op-  
12 erating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”,  
13 “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”,  
14 and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fis-  
15 cal year 2026 may be transferred to or from the “Informa-  
16 tion Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such  
17 transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggre-  
18 gate increase in the total amount made available by this  
19 Act for the “Information Technology Systems” account:  
20 *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place,  
21 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the  
22 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
23 the authority to make the transfer and an approval is  
24 issued.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026 for “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology Systems”, up to \$654,954,000, plus reimbursements, may be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this section to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That section 220 of title II of division A of Public Law 118–42, as continued by division A of Public Law 119–4 is repealed.



1        SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-  
2    partment of Veterans Affairs which become available on  
3    October 1, 2026, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Com-  
4    munity Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and  
5    “Medical Facilities”, up to \$739,918,000, plus reimburse-  
6    ments, may be transferred to the Joint Department of De-  
7    fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
8    Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the  
9    National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
10   (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used  
11   for operation of the facilities designated as combined Fed-  
12   eral medical facilities as described by section 706 of the  
13   Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for  
14   Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500):  
15   *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from  
16   accounts designated in this section to the Joint Depart-  
17   ment of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Med-  
18   ical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifica-  
19   tion by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Commit-  
20   tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

21                    (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22        SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
23    Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A  
24    of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided  
25    at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facili-

1 ties as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter  
2 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009  
3 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be avail-  
4 able: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of De-  
5 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
6 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the  
7 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
8 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for oper-  
9 ations of the facilities designated as combined Federal  
10 medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Dun-  
11 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
12 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Pro-*  
13 *vided*, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the  
14 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
15 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts trans-  
16 ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department  
17 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund  
18 shall remain available until expended.

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 SEC. 222. Of the amounts available in this title for  
21 “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical  
22 Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, a  
23 minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the  
24 DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as au-  
25 thorized by section 8111(d) of title 38, United States

1 Code, to remain available until expended, for any purpose  
2 authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

3 SEC. 223. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-  
4 tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
5 Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project  
6 that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-  
7 grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: *Pro-*  
8 *vided*, That such notification shall occur within 14 days  
9 of a contract identifying the programmed amount: *Pro-*  
10 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Commit-  
11 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14  
12 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall  
13 describe the anticipated use of such savings.

14 SEC. 224. None of the funds made available for  
15 “Construction, Major Projects” may be used for a project  
16 in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-  
17 nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of  
18 the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-  
19 erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on  
20 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

21 SEC. 225. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
22 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
23 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
24 Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-  
25 ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-

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

11       SEC. 226. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
12  provide written notification to the Committees on Appro-  
13  priations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-  
14  ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or  
15  more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of  
16  the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

17       SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
18  provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appro-  
19  priations of both Houses of Congress notification of any  
20  single national outreach and awareness marketing cam-  
21  paign in which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.

22                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23       SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon  
24  determination that such action is necessary to address  
25  needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-

1 fer to the “Medical Services” account any discretionary  
2 appropriations made available for fiscal year 2026 in this  
3 title (except appropriations made to the “General Oper-  
4 ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” ac-  
5 count) or any discretionary unobligated balances within  
6 the Department of Veterans Affairs, including those ap-  
7 propriated for fiscal year 2026, that were provided in ad-  
8 vance by appropriations Acts: *Provided*, That transfers  
9 shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Man-  
10 agement and Budget: *Provided further*, That the transfer  
11 authority provided in this section is in addition to any  
12 other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*,  
13 That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that  
14 were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement  
15 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the  
16 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
17 1985: *Provided further*, That such authority to transfer  
18 may not be used unless for higher priority items, based  
19 on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for  
20 which originally appropriated and in no case where the  
21 item for which funds are requested has been denied by  
22 Congress: *Provided further*, That, upon determination that  
23 all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation  
24 are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back  
25 to that appropriation and shall be available for the same

1 purposes as originally appropriated: *Provided further*,  
2 That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of  
3 Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on  
4 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority  
5 to make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 229. Amounts made available for the Depart-  
8 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, under the  
9 “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating  
10 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts  
11 may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That  
12 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-  
13 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-  
14 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to  
15 make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

16 SEC. 230. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not  
17 reprogram funds among major construction projects or  
18 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed  
19 \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by  
20 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
21 gress.

22 SEC. 231. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
23 ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section  
24 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

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

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

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

14      (2) In this subsection—

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

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

19               (i) any Executive order, Presidential  
20      memorandum, or other action by the President;  
21      and

22               (ii) any agency policy, order, or other di-  
23      rective.

24      (c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall con-  
25      duct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified

1 in subsection (a) during the 5-year period beginning on  
2 January 1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide  
3 data and data collected from such hotline.

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

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

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

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

17 SEC. 232. Effective during the period beginning on  
18 October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2026, none  
19 of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans  
20 Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or ex-  
21 pended in contravention of the “Veterans Health Adminis-  
22 tration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement  
23 on the Veterans Health Administration’s Screening for  
24 Breast Cancer Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as



1 issued by the Veterans Health Administration National  
2 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

3 SEC. 233. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision  
4 of law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made avail-  
5 able to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Med-  
6 ical Services” account may be used to provide—

7 (1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-  
8 sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran  
9 or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

10 (2) adoption reimbursement to a covered vet-  
11 eran.

12 (b) In this section:

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

16 (2) The term “covered veteran” means a vet-  
17 eran, as such term is defined in section 101 of title  
18 38, United States Code, who has a service-connected  
19 disability that results in the inability of the veteran  
20 to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

21 (3) The term “assisted reproductive tech-  
22 nology” means benefits relating to reproductive as-  
23 sistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces  
24 who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty  
25 pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United

1 States Code, as described in the memorandum on  
2 the subject of “Policy for Assisted Reproductive  
3 Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/  
4 Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service  
5 Members” issued by the Assistant Secretary of De-  
6 fense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the  
7 guidance issued to implement such policy, including  
8 any limitations on the amount of such benefits avail-  
9 able to such a member except that—

10 (A) the time periods regarding embryo  
11 cryopreservation and storage set forth in part  
12 III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum  
13 shall not apply; and

14 (B) such term includes embryo  
15 cryopreservation and storage without limitation  
16 on the duration of such cryopreservation and  
17 storage.

18 (4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means  
19 reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for  
20 an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-  
21 actment of this Act under the same terms as apply  
22 under the adoption reimbursement program of the  
23 Department of Defense, as authorized in Depart-  
24 ment of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the

1 reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in  
2 such instruction.

3 (c) Amounts made available for the purposes speci-  
4 fied in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the  
5 requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division  
6 H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public  
7 Law 115–141).

8 SEC. 234. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
9 wise made available by this Act or any other Act for the  
10 Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner  
11 that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transpor-  
12 tation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the  
13 Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent  
14 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115;  
15 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38,  
16 United States Code.

17 SEC. 235. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall  
18 not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the  
19 Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Ad-  
20 ministration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-  
21 tractor performance by a business concern that is at least  
22 51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined  
23 in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one  
24 or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-  
25 tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

1        SEC. 236. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in  
2 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-  
3 retary of Labor, shall discontinue using Social Security  
4 account numbers to authenticate individuals in all infor-  
5 mation systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs for  
6 all individuals not later than September 30, 2026:

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

13            (1) obtain or provide information the Secretary  
14 requires from an information system that is not  
15 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

16            (2) comply with a law, regulation, or court  
17 order;

18            (3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

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

21        (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-  
22 sede section 237 of division J of Public Law 117–328.

23        SEC. 237. For funds provided to the Department of  
24 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027

1 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public  
2 Law 114–223 shall apply.

3 SEC. 238. None of the funds appropriated in this or  
4 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to  
5 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-  
6 fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-  
7 pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-  
8 ment of Veterans Affairs.

9 SEC. 239. Of the funds provided to the Department  
10 of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and fiscal  
11 year 2027 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in  
12 each year to carry out and expand the child care program  
13 authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-  
14 withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

15 SEC. 240. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
16 wise made available in this title may be used by the Sec-  
17 retary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement re-  
18 lated to resolving a dispute or claim with an individual  
19 that would restrict in any way the individual from speak-  
20 ing to members of Congress or their staff on any topic  
21 not otherwise prohibited from disclosure by Federal law  
22 or required by Executive order to be kept secret in the  
23 interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign af-  
24 fairs.

1        SEC. 241. For funds provided to the Department of  
2 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027,  
3 section 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall  
4 apply.

5        SEC. 242. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-  
6 erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny  
7 an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access  
8 to any records, documents, or other materials available to  
9 the department or agency over which that Inspector Gen-  
10 eral has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act  
11 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), or to prevent or impede the ac-  
12 cess of the Inspector General to such records, documents,  
13 or other materials, under any provision of law, except a  
14 provision of law that expressly refers to such Inspector  
15 General and expressly limits the right of access.

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

19        (c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance  
20 with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-  
21 formation provided by the establishment over which that  
22 Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector  
23 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

24        (d) Each Inspector General covered by this section  
25 shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
2 of Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure  
3 by any department or agency covered by this section to  
4 comply with this requirement.

5 SEC. 243. None of the funds made available in this  
6 Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait  
7 times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of  
8 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

9 SEC. 244. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
10 wise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health  
11 Administration may be used in fiscal year 2026 to convert  
12 any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-  
13 cal year 2025 to a general purpose funded program unless  
14 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-  
15 tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-  
16 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior  
17 to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-  
18 mittees.

19 SEC. 245. For funds provided to the Department of  
20 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027,  
21 section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall  
22 apply.

23 SEC. 246. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-  
24 erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct  
25 research commencing on or after July 1, 2025, that uses

1 any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the Sec-  
2 retary of Veterans Affairs approves such research specifi-  
3 cally and in writing pursuant to subsection (b).

4 (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve  
5 the conduct of research commencing on or after July 1,  
6 2025, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if the  
7 Secretary certifies that—

8 (A) the scientific objectives of the research can  
9 only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-  
10 human primates and cannot be met using other ani-  
11 mal models, in vitro models, computational models,  
12 human clinical studies, or other research alter-  
13 natives;

14 (B) such scientific objectives are necessary to  
15 advance research benefitting veterans and are di-  
16 rectly related to an illness or injury that is combat-  
17 related as defined by 10 U.S.C. 1413(e);

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

22 (D) ethical considerations regarding minimizing  
23 the harm experienced by canines, felines, or non-  
24 human primates are included in evaluating the sci-  
25 entific necessity of the research.



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

3       (c) If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-  
4 ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the  
5 commencement of such research, the Secretary shall sub-  
6 mit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate  
7 and House of Representatives a report describing—

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

10          (2) the date on which the Secretary approved  
11 the research;

12          (3) the USDA pain category on the approved  
13 use;

14          (4) the justification for the determination of the  
15 Secretary that the scientific objectives of such re-  
16 search could only be met using canines, felines, or  
17 non-human primates, and methods used to make  
18 such determination;

19          (5) the frequency and duration of such re-  
20 search; and

21          (6) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-  
22 sity, safety, and efficacy of the research, and animal  
23 welfare.

1 (d) Not later than December 31, 2025, and bian-  
2 nually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to such Com-  
3 mittees a report describing—

4 (1) any research being conducted by the De-  
5 partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,  
6 or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-  
7 mittal of the report;

8 (2) the circumstances under which such re-  
9 search was conducted using canines, felines, or non-  
10 human primates;

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

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

15 (5) the development and adoption of alter-  
16 natives to canines, felines, or non-human primates  
17 research.

18 (e) Not later than December 31, 2025, and annually  
19 thereafter, the Department of Veterans Affairs must sub-  
20 mit to voluntary U.S. Department of Agriculture inspec-  
21 tions of canine, feline, and non-human primate research  
22 facilities.

23 (f) Not later than December 31, 2025, and annually  
24 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to such Committees  
25 a report describing—

1           (1) any violations of the Animal Welfare Act,  
2           the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care  
3           and Use of Laboratory Animals, or other Depart-  
4           ment of Veterans Affairs policies related to oversight  
5           of animal research found during that quarter in VA  
6           research facilities;

7           (2) immediate corrective actions taken; and

8           (3) specific actions taken to prevent their recur-  
9           rence.

10          (g) The Department shall implement a plan under  
11          which the Secretary will eliminate the research conducted  
12          using canines, felines, or non-human primates by not later  
13          than September 20, 2026.

14          SEC. 247. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may  
15          use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in  
16          this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time  
17          employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-  
18          tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States  
19          Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time em-  
20          ployment equivalent.

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

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

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

6       SEC. 248. Amounts made available for the “Veterans  
7   Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-  
8   count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2025 and  
9   2026 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be  
10   payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by  
11   section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-  
12   ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

13       SEC. 249. Obligations and expenditures applicable to  
14   the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017  
15   through 2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by  
16   section 1741 of title 38, United States Code) shall remain  
17   in the “Medical Community Care” account for such fiscal  
18   years.

19       SEC. 250. Of the amounts made available for the De-  
20   partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, in this  
21   or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-  
22   tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-  
23   tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-  
24   ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, and  
25   “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Facilities” ac-

1 counts, \$1,323,444,000 shall be made available for gen-  
2 der-specific care and programmatic efforts to deliver care  
3 for women veterans.

4       SEC. 251. Notwithstanding any other law, unless pre-  
5 vented by an order issued by a federal or state court, by  
6 no later than September 30, 2026, the Secretary shall  
7 commence construction of the Community Based Out-  
8 patient Clinic in Bakersfield, California authorized in sec-  
9 tion 1(a)(3) of Public Law 111–82 and in accordance with  
10 Lease No. 36C10F20L0008 or successor lease.

11       SEC. 252. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
12 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
13 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
14 Houses of Congress a quarterly report on the status of  
15 the “Veterans Medical Care and Health Fund”, estab-  
16 lished to execute section 8002 of the American Rescue  
17 Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2): *Provided*, That,  
18 at a minimum, the report shall include an update on obli-  
19 gations by program, project or activity and a plan for ex-  
20 pending the remaining funds.

21       SEC. 253. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary  
22 and administered by a corporation referred to in section  
23 7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October  
24 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019 for purposes of carrying  
25 out an order placed with the Department of Veterans Af-

1   fairs pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States  
2   Code, that are available for obligation pursuant to section  
3   7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain  
4   available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred  
5   by such corporation during the period of performance of  
6   such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
7   fairs determines that such amounts need to remain avail-  
8   able for such liquidation.

9       SEC. 254. Unobligated balances available under the  
10   headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-  
11   tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary  
12   of Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section  
13   2(e)(1) of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-  
14   erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016  
15   (Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended,  
16   to provide additional funds or to fund an escalation clause  
17   under such section of such Act: *Provided*, That before such  
18   unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this sec-  
19   tion, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from  
20   the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
21   gress the authority to obligate such unobligated balances  
22   and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a re-  
23   sponse, a period of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*,  
24   That the request to obligate such unobligated balances  
25   must provide Congress notice that the entity described in

1 section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114–294, as amended, has  
2 exhausted available cost containment approaches as set  
3 forth in the agreement under section 2(c) of such Public  
4 Law.

5 SEC. 255. (a) None of the funds made available in  
6 this Act may be used to implement, administer, or other-  
7 wise carry out the Department of Veterans Affairs interim  
8 final rule published on September 9, 2022, or any suc-  
9 cessor to such rule, or to propose, promulgate, or imple-  
10 ment any substantially similar rule or policy.

11 (b) None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall  
12 be expended for any abortion, including through a medical  
13 benefits package or health benefits program that includes  
14 coverage of abortion.

15 (c) The limitations established in subsection (b) shall  
16 not apply to an abortion—

17 (1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of  
18 rape or incest; or

19 (2) in the case where a woman suffers from a  
20 physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness,  
21 including a life-endangering physical condition  
22 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that  
23 would, as certified by a physician, place the woman  
24 in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

1        SEC. 256. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used for surgical procedures or hormone thera-  
3 pies for the purposes of gender affirming care.

4        SEC. 257. During the period beginning on October  
5 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2026, none of the  
6 funds made available by this Act may be used to admin-  
7 ister, implement, or enforce the final rule issued by the  
8 Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to “Change in Rates  
9 VA Pays for Special Modes of Transportation” (88 Fed.  
10 Reg. 10032) and published on February 16, 2023.

11       SEC. 258. None of the funds made available by this  
12 Act may be used to carry out VHA Directive 1193.01,  
13 “Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Program for Vet-  
14 erans Health Administration Health Care Personnel”.

15       SEC. 259. None of the funds made available by this  
16 Act may be used to provide any services to any individual  
17 unlawfully present in the United States who is not eligible  
18 for health care under the laws administered by the Sec-  
19 retary of Veterans Affairs.

20       SEC. 260. None of the funds made available by this  
21 Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
22 under section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any  
23 case arising out of the administration by the Secretary of  
24 laws and benefits under such title, to report a person who  
25 is deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent,



1 or to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness  
2 as a person who has been adjudicated as a mental defec-  
3 tive under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of  
4 title 18, United States Code, without the order or finding  
5 a judge, magistrate, or other judicial authority of com-  
6 petent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself  
7 or herself or others.

8       SEC. 261. Of the unobligated balances from amounts  
9 made available under the heading “Veterans Health Ad-  
10 ministration” from prior appropriations Acts, including  
11 any funds transferred from the Medical Care Collections  
12 Fund to accounts under such heading, \$15,889,000,000  
13 is hereby permanently rescinded: *Provided*, That no  
14 amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were pro-  
15 vided under the heading “Medical and Prosthetic Re-  
16 search” or amounts that were designated by the Congress  
17 as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent  
18 resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and  
19 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*;  
20 That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the  
21 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-  
22 atives and the Senate a plan for rescinding amounts pur-  
23 suant to this section not later than 30 days after the date  
24 of the enactment of this Act.

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, \$106,000,000, 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, \$49,000,000: *Provided*, That  
8 \$3,800,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing  
9 financial assistance as described and in accordance with  
10 the process and reporting procedures set forth under this  
11 heading in Public Law 102–229.

12 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL  
13 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY  
14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,  
16 and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-  
17 diers’ and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, including  
18 the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for re-  
19 placement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed  
20 \$2,000 for official reception and representation expenses,  
21 \$115,000,000, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall  
22 remain available until September 30, 2028. In addition,  
23 such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance,  
24 repairs and replacement, to be derived from the “Lease

1 of Department of Defense Real Property for Defense  
2 Agencies’’ account.

3 ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

4 TRUST FUND

5 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-  
6 ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces  
7 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia,  
8 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-  
9 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed  
10 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$70,520,000, to re-  
11 main available until September 30, 2027, of which  
12 \$1,000,000 shall remain available until expended for con-  
13 struction and renovation of the physical plants at the  
14 Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of  
15 Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—  
16 Gulfport, Mississippi: *Provided*, That of the amounts made  
17 available under this heading from funds available in the  
18 Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund,  
19 \$25,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the  
20 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

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

## 1 TITLE IV

## 2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

13 SEC. 403. All departments and agencies funded under  
14 this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing  
15 statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of  
16 “E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the con-  
17 duct of their business practices and public service activi-  
18 ties.

19 SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and no-  
20 tifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the  
21 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Af-  
22 fairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appro-  
23 priations of the House of Representatives and the Sub-  
24 committee 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. None of the funds made available in this  
9 Act may be used for a project or program named for an  
10 individual serving as a Member, Delegate, or Resident  
11 Commissioner of the United States House of Representa-  
12 tives.

13 SEC. 407. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-  
14 able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),  
15 post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-  
16 quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any  
17 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-  
18 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

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

20 (1) the public posting of the report com-  
21 promises national security; or

22 (2) the report contains confidential or propri-  
23 etary information.

24 (c) The head of the agency posting such report shall  
25 do so only after such report has been made available to

1 the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for  
2 no less than 30 days.

3 SEC. 408. (a) None of the funds made available in  
4 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer  
5 network unless such network blocks the viewing,  
6 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

11 SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this  
12 Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch  
13 to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency  
14 in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–  
15 10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

16 SEC. 410. None of the funds made available in this  
17 Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or serv-  
18 ices, including construction services, where the contractor  
19 has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

20 SEC. 411. None of the funds made available by this  
21 Act may be used in contravention of section 101(e)(8) of  
22 title 10, United States Code.

23 SEC. 412. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-  
24 propriated or otherwise made available to the Department  
25 of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate,

1 or expand any facility in the United States, its territories,  
2 or possessions to house any individual detained at United  
3 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the  
4 purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or  
5 under the control of the Department of Defense.

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

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

12 (1) is not a citizen of the United States or a  
13 member of the Armed Forces of the United States;  
14 and

15 (2) is—

16 (A) in the custody or under the effective  
17 control of the Department of Defense; or

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

20 SEC. 413. None of the funds appropriated by this Act  
21 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence  
22 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation  
23 matter pending before Congress, other than to commu-  
24 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.  
25 1913.



1        SEC. 414. For an additional amount for the “Office  
2 of the Secretary”, \$1,500,000, to remain available until  
3 expended, for the Secretary to enter into an agreement  
4 with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering,  
5 and Medicine to conduct a study on the prevalence and  
6 mortality of cancers among individuals who served as ac-  
7 tive-duty aircrew in the Armed Forces: *Provided*, That the  
8 panel or panels established by the National Academies  
9 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct the study  
10 shall identify exposures associated with military occupa-  
11 tions of covered individuals, including relating to chemi-  
12 cals, compounds, agents, and other phenomena: *Provided*  
13 *further*, the study shall review the literature to determine  
14 associations between exposures and the incidence of over-  
15 all cancer morbidity, cancer mortality and increased preva-  
16 lence of brain cancer, colon and rectal cancers, kidney can-  
17 cer, lung cancer, melanoma skin cancer, non-Hodgkin  
18 lymphoma, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, testicular  
19 cancer, thyroid cancer, urinary bladder cancer and any  
20 other cancers determined appropriate by the Department  
21 of Veterans Affairs: *Provided further*, That not later than  
22 eighteen months after the date of enactment of this Act,  
23 the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and  
24 Medicine shall submit its report to the Secretary of Vet-

1 erans Affairs and the Congress of its systematic review  
2 and data analysis of the research topics.

3 SEC. 415. There is hereby appropriated \$1,500,000,  
4 to remain available until expended, for a pilot program  
5 for the Secretary to partner with a private laboratory to  
6 utilize Forensic Genetic Genealogy sequencing technology  
7 to identify the remains of fallen soldiers buried at the Na-  
8 tional Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

9 SEC. 416. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this  
10 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for  
11 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated,  
12 awarded, or expended to procure or purchase covered in-  
13 formation technology equipment in cases where the manu-  
14 facturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent  
15 entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the  
16 equipment is an entity or parent company of an entity list-  
17 ed on any of the following:

18 (1) The Chinese Military Company List of the  
19 Department of Defense.

20 (2) The Non-SDN Chinese Military Industrial  
21 Complex Companies List of the Department of the  
22 Treasury.

23 (3) The Denied Persons List, Entity List, or  
24 Military End User List of the Department of Com-  
25 merce, if the entity is—

1           (A) an agency or instrumentality of the  
2           People’s Republic of China;

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

5           (C) directly or indirectly owned or con-  
6           trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity  
7           described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

8           (4) The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act  
9           Entity List of the Department of Homeland Secu-  
10          rity.

11          (b) The prohibition under subsection (a) shall apply  
12          to a case in which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has  
13          entered into a contract with a non-Department entity for  
14          the procurement or purchase of, or the expenditure of  
15          funds on, covered information technology equipment.

16          (c) In this section, the term “covered information  
17          technology equipment”—

18               (1) means a computer, printer, or interoperable  
19               videoconferencing equipment for direct use by em-  
20               ployees of the Department of Veterans Affairs in an  
21               office environment; and

22               (2) does not include services that use such  
23               equipment, including cloud services.

24          SEC. 417. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
25          wise made available in this Act may be used to—

1           (1) Classify or facilitate the classification of any  
2           communications by a United States person as a mis-  
3           , dis-, or mal-information; or

4           (2) Partner with or fund nonprofit or other pri-  
5           vate organizations that in any way instruct, influ-  
6           ence, direct, or recommend that private companies in  
7           any way censor, prohibit, or obstruct lawful and con-  
8           stitutionally protected speech of United States per-  
9           sons, including recommending the censoring or re-  
10          moval of content on social media platforms.

11          SEC. 418. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-  
12          sure that the policies and requirements described in the  
13          transmittal sheet of the Veterans Health Administration  
14          published on August 8, 2019, titled “Smoke-Free Policy  
15          for Employees at VA Health Care Facilities (VHA Direc-  
16          tive 1085.01)” remain in effect.

17          SEC. 419. None of the funds made available by this  
18          Act may be used to reduce the staffing, hours of operation,  
19          or services of the Veterans Crisis Line or any other suicide  
20          prevention program of the Department of Veterans Af-  
21          fairs.

22                               SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

23          SEC. 420. \$0.

24          SEC. 421. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
25          wise made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs

1 in this Act may be used to enforce Veterans Health Direc-  
2 tive 1315 as it relates to—

3 (1) the policy stating that “VHA providers are  
4 prohibited from completing forms or registering Vet-  
5 erans for participation in a State-approved mari-  
6 juana program”;

7 (2) the directive for the “Deputy Under Sec-  
8 retary for Health for Operations and Management”  
9 to ensure that “medical facility Directors are aware  
10 that it is VHA policy for providers to assess Veteran  
11 use of marijuana but providers are prohibited from  
12 recommending, making referrals to or completing  
13 paperwork for Veteran participation in State mari-  
14 juana programs”; and

15 (3) the directive for the “VA Medical Facility  
16 Director” to ensure that “VA facility staff are aware  
17 of the following” “[t]he prohibition recommending,  
18 making referrals to or completing forms and reg-  
19 istering Veterans for participation in State- ap-  
20 proved marijuana programs”.

1        This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction,  
2 Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations  
3 Act, 2026”.

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Attest:                    KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*