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H. R. 5353

To establish limitations on the utilization and disposal of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt campus of the Department of Veterans Affairs Hudson Valley Health Care System at Montrose, New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 2004

Mrs. KELLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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

1 **SECTION 1. LIMITATIONS ON UTILIZATION AND DISPOSAL**
2 **OF FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT CAMPUS**
3 **OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
4 **HUDSON VALLEY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM,**
5 **MONTROSE, NEW YORK.**

6 (a) RETENTION AND DISPOSAL.—The Secretary of
7 Veterans Affairs shall retain the property comprising the
8 Franklin Delano Roosevelt campus of the Department of
9 Veterans Affairs Hudson Valley Health Care System at
10 Montrose, New York, as an element of that system.

11 (b) LIMITATION ON ENHANCED-USED LEASES.—The
12 Secretary may not enter into an enhanced-use lease of the
13 property referred to in subsection (a)(1) unless activities
14 under such lease include the provision of services for vet-
15 erans, including veterans of limited financial means.

16 (c) PRESERVATION OF SERVICES.—(1) Except as
17 provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary shall
18 continue to provide through the facility of the Department
19 of Veterans Affairs at the campus specified in subsection
20 (a) the types and levels of health care services for veterans
21 that are provided through that facility as of the date of
22 the enactment of this Act.

23 (2) The Secretary may consolidate or relocate the spi-
24 nal cord injury unit of the facility referred to in paragraph
25 (1) at or to another location if the Secretary determines

1 that the consolidation or relocation of the unit is in the
 2 best interests of veterans.

3 (3) The Secretary may modify the types and levels
 4 of health care services for veterans that are provided
 5 through the facility referred to in paragraph (1) if the Sec-
 6 retary determines that increases in the population of vet-
 7 erans served by that facility warrant such changes.

8 (d) STUDY ON HOUSING OF LOW-INCOME VET-
 9 ERANS.—The Secretary shall conduct a study of the need
 10 for housing of low-income veterans who are served by the
 11 Department of Veterans Affairs Hudson Valley Health
 12 Care System. The study shall include an assessment of
 13 the feasibility and advisability of utilizing a portion of the
 14 property referred to in subsection (a)(1) as a means of
 15 addressing the need of such veterans for housing.

16 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF TOWN OF CORTLANDT PROPOSAL TO**
 17 **TRANSFER CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
 18 **ERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES TO THE TOWN OF**
 19 **CORTLANDT.**

20 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
 21 conduct a study of the feasibility of implementation of the
 22 proposed plan of the Town of Cortlandt, New York, to
 23 take title to certain facilities on the FDR Campus (includ-
 24 ing the pool, theatre, and other recreation facilities and
 25 infrastructure facilities, such as roads, sewage treatment

1 plant, and waterfront facilities), subject to the conditions
2 that—

3 (1) full use of those facilities be made available
4 to the Secretary for the use of veterans in accord-
5 ance with the mission of the Department of Vet-
6 erans Affairs on such days and times as the Sec-
7 retary requires use of those facilities for such pur-
8 poses, the remaining time to be used by the Town
9 of Cortlandt for its programs and public functions;
10 and

11 (2) the proposed plan would result in a reduc-
12 tion in costs to maintain the facilities that are the
13 subject of the plan and will be beneficial to the vet-
14 erans being served by the FDR Campus.

15 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—If as a result of the study
16 under subsection (a) the Secretary determines that the
17 proposed plan referred to in that subsection would result
18 in a reduction in costs to maintain the facilities that are
19 the subject of the plan and will be beneficial to the vet-
20 erans being served by the FDR Campus, the Secretary
21 shall take such steps as necessary to provide for the imple-
22 mentation of the plan.

1 (c) FDR CAMPUS.—In this section, the term “FDR
2 Campus” means the property referred to in section
3 1(a)(1).

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