

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1605

To authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative and to satisfy Department of Veterans Affairs requirements on natural disasters, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

Mr. GRAHAM of Florida (for himself and Mr. REID) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
4 **PROJECTS.**

5 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
6 following major medical facility projects, with each project

1 to be carried out in an amount not to exceed the amount
2 specified for that project:

3 (1) Construction of a health care facility at a
4 location in East Central Florida selected by the Sec-
5 retary, as part of the Capital Asset Realignment for
6 Enhanced Services (CARES) initiative,
7 \$170,000,000.

8 (2) Improvements of the Department of Vet-
9 erans Affairs Medical Center in San Juan, Puerto
10 Rico, in order to bring that facility into compliance
11 with the CD-54 Natural Disasters Directive,
12 \$30,000,000.

13 (3) Construction of a health care facility in Las
14 Vegas, Nevada, as part of the Capital Asset Realign-
15 ment for Enhanced Services initiative,
16 \$250,000,000.

17 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
19 priated for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal
20 year 2004 for the Construction, Major Projects, account,
21 a total of \$450,000,000 for the projects authorized in sec-
22 tion 1.

23 (b) LIMITATION.—The projects authorized in section
24 1 may only be carried out using—

1 (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2004 pur-
2 suant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-
3 section (a);

4 (2) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
5 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2004
6 that remain available for obligation; and

7 (3) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
8 Projects, for fiscal year 2004 for a category of activ-
9 ity not specific to a project.

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