

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3489

To require that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense enter into a sharing agreement with Eglin Air Force Base Hospital for the provision of inpatient services to veterans in Northwest Florida, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

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

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Northwest Florida Vet-
5 erans Health Care Improvement Act".

1 **SEC. 2. SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SECRETARY OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**
3 **WITH RESPECT TO INPATIENT MEDICAL FA-**
4 **CILITY AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE.**

5 By not later than October 1, 2008, the Secretary of
6 Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense shall enter
7 into one or more agreements under section 8111 of title
8 38, United States Code, and section 1104 of title 10 of
9 such code for—

10 (1) the coordination of the provision of medical
11 and surgical acute inpatient services to the bene-
12 ficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and
13 the Department of Defense at the medical facility lo-
14 cated at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida;

15 (2) the use by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
16 of land owned by the Air Force at Eglin Air Force
17 Base, Florida, for the construction and operation of
18 the joint Department of Veterans Affairs-Depart-
19 ment of Defense outpatient medical facility required
20 under section 3; and

21 (3) the purchase of services provided by the Air
22 Force and the use of employees of the Air Force by
23 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the purchase
24 of services provided by the Department of Veterans
25 Affairs and the use of employees of the Department
26 by the Air Force, as applicable.

1 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF OUTPATIENT SPECIALTY CARE**
2 **SPACE AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE THROUGH**
3 **CONSTRUCTION OF JOINT DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS-DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
5 **FENSE OUTPATIENT MEDICAL FACILITY.**

6 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out the
7 construction of a joint Department of Veterans Affairs-
8 Department of Defense outpatient medical facility at
9 Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. The Secretary shall com-
10 plete the planning and design of such facility by not later
11 than October 1, 2009, and shall complete the construction
12 of such facility by not later than February 1, 2012.

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There is authorized to be appropriated—

15 (1) such sums as may be necessary to carry out
16 section 2; and

17 (2) to the Construction, Major Projects account
18 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, in addition
19 to any other amounts authorized to be appropriated
20 to that account, \$54,500,000 to carry out section 3.

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