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To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for certain buildings of the Department of Veterans Affairs at the West Los Angeles Medical Center, California, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO ENHANCED-USE**
4 **LEASES FOR CERTAIN BUILDINGS OF THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AT THE**
6 **WEST LOS ANGELES MEDICAL CENTER, CALI-**
7 **FORNIA.**

8 (a) AUTHORITY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by sub-
 2 section (b), in accordance with subchapter V of
 3 chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, the Sec-
 4 retary of Veterans Affairs may enter into an en-
 5 hanced-use lease for a covered building for the provi-
 6 sion of long-term therapeutic housing for covered
 7 veterans.

8 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The authority
 9 provided by paragraph (1) is a specific authorization
 10 for purposes of section 8162(c) of such title.

11 (b) PROHIBITION ON DISPOSITION OF LEASED PROP-
 12 PERTY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section
 14 224(a) of the Military Construction and Veterans
 15 Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
 16 2008 (division I of Public Law 110–161; 121 Stat.
 17 2272), section 8164 of title 38, United States Code,
 18 shall not apply to a covered building.

19 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
 20 section shall be construed to affect the prohibition
 21 under such section 224(a) on the disposal of a cov-
 22 ered building.

23 (c) BIENNIAL REVIEW AND REPORT.—

24 (1) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not less than once
 25 during each two-year period in which an enhanced-

1 use lease is in effect under subsection (a), the Sec-
 2 retary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a review of
 3 such lease, including by assessing the party that is
 4 entered into such lease and determining whether
 5 such lease should continue.

6 (2) REPORT REQUIRED.—During each two-year
 7 period in which an enhanced-use lease is in effect
 8 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
 9 Congress a report on the review conducted under
 10 paragraph (1).

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) COVERED BUILDING.—The term “covered
 13 building” means any of the following buildings lo-
 14 cated at the West Los Angeles Medical Center, Cali-
 15 fornia:

16 (A) Building 205.

17 (B) Building 208.

18 (2) COVERED VETERAN.—The term “covered
 19 veteran” means a veteran who is—

20 (A) homeless; and

21 (B) with respect to housing, requires as-
 22 sisted living or other similar form of care.

23 (3) ENHANCED-USE LEASE.—The term “en-
 24 hanced-use lease” has the meaning given that term
 25 in section 8161 of title 38, United States Code.

1 (4) LONG-TERM THERAPEUTIC HOUSING.—The
2 term “long-term therapeutic housing” means sup-
3 portive housing consisting of clinically supportive liv-
4 ing facilities that provide housing to a homeless vet-
5 eran for a period that is sufficient for the veteran
6 to achieve stability and require a lower level of care
7 than is provided at such facilities.

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