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H. R. 5548

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to sell Pershing Hall.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN (for himself, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Ms. KUSTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to sell
Pershing Hall.

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 SALE OF PERSHING HALL.**

4 Section 403 of the Veterans' Benefits Programs Im-
5 provement Act of 1991 (Public Law 102–86; 38 U.S.C.
6 2400 note) is amended by adding at the end the following
7 new subsection:

8 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF SALE.—(1) The Secretary
9 may sell for fair market value Pershing Hall and transfer
10 and convey to the purchaser all right, title, and interest
11 of the United States in or to such property. The Secretary

1 shall determine fair market value based on an independent
2 assessment conducted by another department or agency
3 of the Federal Government or a nongovernmental entity.
4 The Secretary may only accept money as consideration for
5 such sale.

6 “(2) If the Secretary sells Pershing Hall pursuant to
7 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall return to the entity
8 from which the United States acquired Pershing Hall pur-
9 suant to the Act of June 28, 1935 (Chapter 323; 49 Stat.
10 426), any personal property (including memorabilia re-
11 garding General Pershing and the American Expedi-
12 tionary Forces in France during World War I) in the pos-
13 session of the Department of Veterans Affairs as of the
14 date of the enactment of this subsection that was located
15 in Pershing Hall (or otherwise associated with Pershing
16 Hall) on the date of such acquisition.

17 “(3) The funds received by the Secretary pursuant
18 to the sale of Pershing Hall under paragraph (1) shall
19 be deposited in the ‘Construction, Major Projects’ account
20 of the Department and be made available, subject to ap-
21 propriation and without fiscal year limitation, for the pur-
22 poses of such account.

23 “(4)(A) Effective on the day after the date of the sale
24 of Pershing Hall authorized under paragraph (1), the au-
25 thority of the Secretary to carry out subsections (a), (b),

1 (c), and (e) shall terminate except for purposes of carrying
2 out paragraph (2) of this subsection.

3 “(B) Effective on the date that is one year after the
4 date of the sale of Pershing Hall authorized under para-
5 graph (1), the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund shall be
6 abolished and the corpus of the fund, including accrued
7 interest, shall be deposited in the ‘Construction, Major
8 Projects’ account of the Department and be made avail-
9 able, without fiscal year limitation, for the purposes of
10 such account.”.

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