

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8469

AN ACT

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes.

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

1 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
2 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for
3 military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,
4 and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September
5 30, 2027, and for other purposes, namely:

6

TITLE I

7

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

8

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

9 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
10 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military
11 installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as
12 currently authorized by law, including personnel in the
13 Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-
14 essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-
15 struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-
16 tions of the Commander in Chief, \$2,131,959,000 (in-
17 creased by \$12,000,000) (reduced by \$12,000,000) (in-
18 creased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000), to re-
19 main available until September 30, 2031: *Provided*, That,
20 of this amount, not to exceed \$298,588,000 (reduced by
21 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) shall be available
22 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer serv-
23 ices, and host nation support, as authorized by law, unless
24 the Secretary of the Army determines that additional obli-
25 gations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the

1 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
 2 of the determination and the reasons therefor: *Provided*
 3 *further*, That of the amount made available under this
 4 heading, \$108,000,000 shall be for the projects and activi-
 5 ties, and in the amounts, specified in the table under the
 6 heading “Military Construction, Army” in the report ac-
 7 companying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise
 8 available for such purposes.

9 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

10 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
 11 ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-
 12 stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and
 13 Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including
 14 personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command
 15 and other personal services necessary for the purposes of
 16 this appropriation, \$5,508,034,000 (increased by
 17 \$86,000,000) (reduced by \$86,000,000) (increased by
 18 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by
 19 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by
 20 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by
 21 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by
 22 \$5,000,000) (reduced by \$5,000,000) (increased by
 23 \$12,000,000) (reduced by \$12,000,000) (increased by
 24 \$5,000,000) (reduced by \$5,000,000) (increased by
 25 \$15,000,000) (reduced by \$15,000,000) (increased by

1 \$12,000,000) (reduced by \$12,000,000) (increased by
2 \$20,000,000) (reduced by \$20,000,000) (increased by
3 \$10,000,000) (reduced by \$10,000,000) (increased by
4 \$8,000,000) (reduced by \$8,000,000) (increased by
5 \$10,000,000) (reduced by \$10,000,000), to remain avail-
6 able until September 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of this
7 amount, not to exceed \$559,783,000 shall be available for
8 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
9 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the
10 Navy determines that additional obligations are necessary
11 for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appro-
12 priations of both Houses of Congress of the determination
13 and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the
14 amount made available under this heading, \$73,000,000
15 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,
16 specified in the table under the heading “Military Con-
17 struction, Navy and Marine Corps” in the report accom-
18 panying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise avail-
19 able for such purposes.

20 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

21 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
22 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military
23 installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force
24 as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the
25 Department of the Air Force when designated by the Sec-

1 retary of Defense to direct and supervise Military Con-
2 struction projects in accordance with section 2851 of title
3 10, United States Code, and other personal services nec-
4 essary for the purposes of this appropriation,
5 \$3,712,473,000, to remain available until September 30,
6 2031: *Provided*, That, of this amount, not to exceed
7 \$519,223,000 shall be available for study, planning, de-
8 sign, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
9 by law, unless the Secretary of the Air Force determines
10 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes
11 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both
12 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons
13 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-
14 able under this heading, \$141,000,000 shall be for the
15 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in
16 the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air
17 Force” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition
18 to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

19 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
22 ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-
23 tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-
24 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military
25 departments), as currently authorized by law,

1 \$3,757,301,000, to remain available until September 30,
2 2031: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation
3 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may
4 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department
5 of Defense available for military construction or family
6 housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with
7 and to be available for the same purposes, and for the
8 same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which
9 transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to
10 exceed \$221,001,000 shall be available for study, plan-
11 ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-
12 thorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense deter-
13 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such
14 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations
15 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the
16 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
17 made available under this heading, \$55,000,000 shall be
18 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
19 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
20 Defense-Wide” in the report accompanying this Act, in ad-
21 dition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

22 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

23 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
24 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
25 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-

1 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
2 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
3 tion Acts, \$198,380,000, to remain available until Sep-
4 tember 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to
5 exceed \$73,646,000 shall be available for study, planning,
6 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
7 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard
8 determines that additional obligations are necessary for
9 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-
10 tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and
11 the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
12 made available under this heading, \$27,500,000 shall be
13 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
14 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
15 Army National Guard” in the report accompanying this
16 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such
17 purposes.

18 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

19 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
20 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
21 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions
22 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United
23 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization
24 Acts, \$291,264,000 (increased by \$63,000,000) (reduced
25 by \$63,000,000) (increased by \$15,000,000) (reduced by

1 \$15,000,000), to remain available until September 30,
2 2031: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed
3 \$38,264,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,
4 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,
5 unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines
6 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes
7 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both
8 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons
9 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-
10 able under this heading, \$38,500,000 shall be for the
11 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in
12 the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air
13 National Guard” in the report accompanying this Act, in
14 addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

15 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

16 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
17 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
18 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter
19 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-
20 struction Authorization Acts, \$42,239,000, to remain
21 available until September 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of the
22 amount, not to exceed \$6,013,000 shall be available for
23 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
24 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army
25 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-

1 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on
2 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-
3 mination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That
4 of the amount made available under this heading,
5 \$1,710,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in
6 the amounts, specified in the table under the heading
7 “Military Construction, Army Reserve” in the report ac-
8 companying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise
9 available for such purposes.

10 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

11 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
12 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
13 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and
14 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
15 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
16 tion Acts, \$2,255,000, to remain available until September
17 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed
18 \$2,255,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,
19 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,
20 unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that addi-
21 tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and no-
22 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
23 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

2 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
3 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
4 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by
5 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military
6 Construction Authorization Acts, \$60,458,000, to remain
7 available until September 30, 2031: *Provided*, That, of the
8 amount, not to exceed \$270,000 shall be available for
9 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
10 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air
11 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are
12 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees
13 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-
14 termination and the reasons therefor.

15 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

16 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

17 For the United States share of the cost of the North
18 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-
19 gram for the acquisition and construction of military fa-
20 cilities and installations (including international military
21 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective
22 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized
23 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-
24 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$481,832,000, to
25 remain available until expended.

1 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

2 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base
3 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-
4 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10
5 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$465,161,000, to remain available
6 until expended.

7 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

8 For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-
9 struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-
10 pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
11 \$228,558,000, to remain available until September 30,
12 2031.

13 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

14 ARMY

15 For expenses of family housing for the Army for op-
16 eration and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,
17 minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-
18 surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$388,418,000.

19 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE

20 CORPS

21 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
22 rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-
23 ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as
24 authorized by law, \$177,597,000, to remain available until
25 September 30, 2031.

1 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
2 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

3 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
4 rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt
5 payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-
6 est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by
7 law, \$384,108,000.

8 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

9 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
10 construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,
11 expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
12 \$274,230,000, to remain available until September 30,
13 2031.

14 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR
15 FORCE

16 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
17 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-
18 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,
19 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,
20 \$369,765,000.

21 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
22 DEFENSE-WIDE

23 For expenses of family housing for the activities and
24 agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the
25 military departments) for operation and maintenance,

1 leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law,
2 \$52,156,000.

3 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

4 FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

5 For the Department of Defense Family Housing Im-
6 provement Fund, \$8,315,000, to remain available until ex-
7 pended, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursu-
8 ant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, pro-
9 viding alternative means of acquiring and improving mili-
10 tary family housing and supporting facilities.

11 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

12 MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT

13 FUND

14 For the Department of Defense Military Unaccom-
15 panied Housing Improvement Fund, \$497,000, to remain
16 available until expended, for unaccompanied housing ini-
17 tiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10,
18 United States Code, providing alternative means of acquir-
19 ing and improving military unaccompanied housing and
20 supporting facilities.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

22 SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this
23 title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-
24 fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates
25 exceed \$25,000, to be performed within the United States,

1 except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of
2 the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons there-
3 for.

4 SEC. 102. Funds made available in this title for con-
5 struction shall be available for hire of passenger motor ve-
6 hicles.

7 SEC. 103. Funds made available in this title for con-
8 struction may be used for advances to the Federal High-
9 way Administration, Department of Transportation, for
10 the construction of access roads as authorized by section
11 210 of title 23, United States Code, when projects author-
12 ized therein are certified as important to the national de-
13 fense by the Secretary of Defense.

14 SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this
15 title may be used to begin construction of new bases in
16 the United States for which specific appropriations have
17 not been made.

18 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this
19 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements
20 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by
21 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-
22 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-
23 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated
24 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney
25 General; (3) where the estimated value is less than

1 \$25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary
2 of Defense to be in the public interest.

3 SEC. 106. None of the funds made available in this
4 title shall be used to: (1) acquire land; (2) provide for site
5 preparation; or (3) install utilities for any family housing,
6 except housing for which funds have been made available
7 in annual Acts making appropriations for military con-
8 struction.

9 SEC. 107. None of the funds made available in this
10 title for minor construction may be used to transfer or
11 relocate any activity from one base or installation to an-
12 other, without prior notification to the Committees on Ap-
13 propriations of both Houses of Congress.

14 SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this
15 title may be used for the procurement of steel for any con-
16 struction project or activity for which American steel pro-
17 ducers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied
18 the opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.

19 SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Depart-
20 ment of Defense for military construction or family hous-
21 ing during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real
22 property taxes in any foreign nation.

23 SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this
24 title may be used to initiate a new installation overseas

1 without prior notification to the Committees on Appro-
2 priations of both Houses of Congress.

3 SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this
4 title may be obligated for architect and engineer contracts
5 estimated by the Government to exceed \$500,000 for
6 projects to be accomplished in Japan, in any North Atlan-
7 tic Treaty Organization member country, or in countries
8 bordering the Arabian Gulf, unless such contracts are
9 awarded to United States firms or United States firms
10 in joint venture with host nation firms.

11 SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this
12 title for military construction in the United States terri-
13 tories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein
14 Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be
15 used to award any contract estimated by the Government
16 to exceed \$1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: *Provided*,
17 That this section shall not be applicable to contract
18 awards for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid
19 of a United States contractor exceeds the lowest respon-
20 sive and responsible bid of a foreign contractor by greater
21 than 20 percent: *Provided further*, That this section shall
22 not apply to contract awards for military construction on
23 Kwajalein Atoll for which the lowest responsive and re-
24 sponsible bid is submitted by a Marshallese contractor.

1 SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense shall inform the
2 appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, in-
3 cluding the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and
4 scope of any proposed military exercise involving United
5 States personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts
6 expended for construction, either temporary or permanent,
7 are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.

8 SEC. 114. Funds appropriated to the Department of
9 Defense for construction in prior years shall be available
10 for construction authorized for each such military depart-
11 ment by the authorizations enacted into law during the
12 current session of Congress.

13 SEC. 115. For military construction or family housing
14 projects that are being completed with funds otherwise ex-
15 pired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may
16 be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspec-
17 tion, overhead, engineering and design on those projects
18 and on subsequent claims, if any.

19 SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of
20 law, any funds made available to a military department
21 or defense agency for the construction of military projects
22 may be obligated for a military construction project or
23 contract, or for any portion of such a project or contract,
24 at any time before the end of the fourth fiscal year after
25 the fiscal year for which funds for such project were made

1 available, if the funds obligated for such project: (1) are
2 obligated from funds available for military construction
3 projects; and (2) do not exceed the amount appropriated
4 for such project, plus any amount by which the cost of
5 such project is increased pursuant to law.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or
8 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic me-
9 dium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
10 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
11 of both Houses of Congress, such additional amounts as
12 may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be
13 transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family
14 Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated
15 for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be
16 merged with and to be available for the same purposes
17 and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated
18 directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense
19 Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund
20 from amounts appropriated for construction of military
21 unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” ac-
22 counts, to be merged with and to be available for the same
23 purposes and for the same period of time as amounts ap-
24 propriated directly to the Fund: *Provided*, That appropria-
25 tions made available to the Funds shall be available to

1 cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Con-
2 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan
3 guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant
4 to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title
5 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means
6 of acquiring and improving military family housing, mili-
7 tary unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 118. In addition to any other transfer authority
10 available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be
11 transferred from the Department of Defense Base Closure
12 Account to the fund established by section 1013(d) of the
13 Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act
14 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated
15 with the Homeowners Assistance Program incurred under
16 42 U.S.C. 3374(a)(1)(A). Any amounts transferred shall
17 be merged with and be available for the same purposes
18 and for the same time period as the fund to which trans-
19 ferred.

20 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 law, funds made available in this title for operation and
22 maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive
23 source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family
24 housing units, including general or flag officer quarters:
25 *Provided*, That not more than \$20,000 per unit may be

1 spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any gen-
2 eral or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notifica-
3 tion, or 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic
4 medium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
5 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
6 of both Houses of Congress, except that an after-the-fact
7 notification shall be submitted if the limitation is exceeded
8 solely due to costs associated with environmental remedi-
9 ation that could not be reasonably anticipated at the time
10 of the budget submission: *Provided further*, That the
11 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is to report an-
12 nually to the Committees on Appropriations of both
13 Houses of Congress all operation and maintenance ex-
14 penditures for each individual general or flag officer quar-
15 ters for the prior fiscal year.

16 SEC. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-
17 provement Account established by subsection (h) of sec-
18 tion 2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appro-
19 priated and shall be available until expended for the pur-
20 poses specified in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until
21 transferred pursuant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 121. During the 5-year period after appropria-
24 tions available in this Act to the Department of Defense
25 for military construction and family housing operation and

1 maintenance and construction have expired for obligation,
2 upon a determination that such appropriations will not be
3 necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making
4 authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obliga-
5 tions incurred during the period of availability of such ap-
6 propriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations
7 may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Cur-
8 rency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged
9 with and to be available for the same time period and for
10 the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans-
11 ferred.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made
14 available in an account funded under the headings in this
15 title may be transferred among projects and activities
16 within the account in accordance with the reprogramming
17 guidelines for military construction and family housing
18 construction contained in Department of Defense Finan-
19 cial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chap-
20 ter 7, of April 2021, as in effect on the date of enactment
21 of this Act.

22 SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this
23 title may be obligated or expended for planning and design
24 and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-
25 tery.

1 SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts
2 and in the amounts specified, to remain available until
3 September 30, 2031:

4 “Military Construction, Army”, \$150,000,000;

5 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
6 Corps”, \$150,000,000;

7 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
8 \$150,000,000; and

9 “Military Construction, Defense Wide”,
10 \$50,000,000:

11 *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry
12 out construction and cost to complete projects identified
13 in the respective military department’s unfunded priority
14 list for fiscal year 2027 submitted to Congress: *Provided*
15 *further*, That such projects are subject to authorization
16 prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out
17 construction: *Provided further*, That not later than 60
18 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the mili-
19 tary department concerned, or their designee, shall submit
20 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
21 Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under
22 this section.

23 SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-
24 ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “De-
25 partment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and

1 Marine Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Con-
2 struction, Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Mili-
3 tary Construction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to
4 the authorization of appropriations in a National Defense
5 Authorization Act specified for fiscal year 2027 in the
6 funding table in section 4601 of that Act shall be imme-
7 diately available and allotted to contract for the full scope
8 of authorized projects.

9 SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,
10 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-
11 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-
12 gated before October 1, 2028 for fiscal year 2017, 2018,
13 2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which
14 project authorization has not lapsed or for which author-
15 ization is extended for fiscal year 2027 by a National De-
16 fense Authorization Act: *Provided*, That no amounts may
17 be obligated pursuant to this section from amounts that
18 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-
19 ment pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget
20 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
21 Act of 1985.

22 SEC. 127. For an additional amount for the accounts
23 and in the amounts specified for design for Military Instal-
24 lation Resilience, to remain available until September 30,
25 2031:

1 “Military Construction, Army”, \$5,000,000;

2 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
3 Corps”, \$5,000,000; and

4 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
5 \$5,000,000:

6 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
7 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
8 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
9 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
10 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

11 SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts
12 and in the amounts specified for design for child develop-
13 ment centers, to remain available until September 30,
14 2031:

15 “Military Construction, Army”, \$15,000,000;

16 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
17 Corps”, \$15,000,000; and

18 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
19 \$15,000,000:

20 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
21 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
22 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
23 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
24 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

1 SEC. 129. For an additional amount for the accounts
2 and in the amounts specified for design for barracks, to
3 remain available until September 30, 2031:

4 “Military Construction, Army”, \$15,000,000;

5 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
6 Corps”, \$15,000,000; and

7 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
8 \$15,000,000:

9 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
10 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
11 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
12 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
13 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

14 SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts
15 and in the amounts specified for unspecified minor con-
16 struction for demolition, to remain available until Sep-
17 tember 30, 2031:

18 “Military Construction, Army”, \$20,000,000;

19 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
20 Corps”, \$20,000,000; and

21 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
22 \$20,000,000:

23 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
24 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
25 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the

1 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
2 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

3 SEC. 131. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment
5 of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
6 Cuba.

1 TITLE II
2 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
3 VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION
4 COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on
7 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-
8 aminations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11,
9 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code;
10 pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized
11 by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United
12 States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitle-
13 ment Program for Survivors, emergency and other offi-
14 cers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certifi-
15 cates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insur-
16 ance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV
17 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App.
18 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sec-
19 tions 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51,
20 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code,
21 \$10,555,052,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-
22 viously appropriated under this heading that became avail-
23 able on October 1, 2026; \$283,806,848,000 (increased by
24 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000), which shall become
25 available on October 1, 2027, to remain available until ex-

1 pending: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$32,324,190 of the
2 amount made available for fiscal year 2028 under this
3 heading shall be reimbursed to “General Operating Ex-
4 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “Informa-
5 tion Technology Systems” for necessary expenses in imple-
6 menting the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title
7 38, United States Code, the funding source for which is
8 specifically provided as the “Compensation and Pensions”
9 appropriation: *Provided further*, That such sums as may
10 be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be
11 reimbursed to “Medical Care Collections Fund” to aug-
12 ment the funding of individual medical facilities for nurs-
13 ing home care provided to pensioners as authorized.

14 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

15 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation
16 benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chap-
17 ters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and
18 61 of title 38, United States Code, \$23,565,656,000 (in-
19 creased by \$5,000,000) (reduced by \$5,000,000), which
20 shall become available on October 1, 2027, to remain
21 available until expended: *Provided*, That expenses for re-
22 habilitation program services and assistance which the
23 Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of
24 section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than

1 under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that sub-
2 section, shall be charged to this account.

3 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

4 For military and naval insurance, national service life
5 insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-
6 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as
7 authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United
8 States Code, \$90,892,830, which shall become available
9 on October 1, 2027, to remain available until expended.

10 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

11 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such
12 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as
13 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of
14 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs,
15 including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
16 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
17 1974: *Provided further*, That, during fiscal year 2027,
18 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in
19 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for spe-
20 cially adapted housing loans.

21 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
22 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$266,736,842.

23 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

24 For the cost of direct loans, \$34,788, as authorized
25 by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,

1 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such
2 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-
3 sional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds
4 made available under this heading are available to sub-
5 sidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct
6 loans not to exceed \$1,227,041.

7 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
8 carry out the direct loan program, \$507,254, which may
9 be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-
10 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

11 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

12 ACCOUNT

13 For the cost of direct loans, \$2,604,056, as author-
14 ized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United
15 States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost
16 of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502
17 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided fur-*
18 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading are
19 available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal
20 amount of direct loans not to exceed \$75,000,000.

21 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
22 the direct loan program authorized by subchapter V of
23 chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, \$5,845,241.

1 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS
2 ADMINISTRATION

3 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans
4 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-
5 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement
6 of the General Services Administration for security guard
7 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-
8 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,
9 \$3,744,000,000: *Provided*, That expenses for services and
10 assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and
11 (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code,
12 that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are nec-
13 essary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum ex-
14 tent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and
15 maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum
16 independence in daily living, shall be charged to this ac-
17 count: *Provided further*, That, of the funds made available
18 under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain
19 available until September 30, 2028.

20 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

21 MEDICAL SERVICES

22 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized
23 by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to
24 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and
25 veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United

1 States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not
2 under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including
3 medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services,
4 food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare em-
5 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, assist-
6 ance and support services for caregivers as authorized by
7 section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repay-
8 ments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and
9 Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public
10 Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note),
11 monthly assistance allowances authorized by section
12 322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized
13 by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-
14 ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections
15 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-
16 pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787
17 of title 38, United States Code; \$100,000,000 (increased
18 by \$500,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by
19 \$1,000,000), which shall be in addition to funds previously
20 appropriated under this heading that became available on
21 October 1, 2026; \$70,700,000,000 (reduced by
22 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by
23 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by
24 \$285,000,000) (increased by \$285,000,000) (increased by
25 \$5,000,000), plus reimbursements, which shall become

1 available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain available
2 until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the amount
3 made available on October 1, 2027, under this heading,
4 \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
5 2029: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
7 establish a priority for the provision of medical treatment
8 for veterans who have service-connected disabilities, lower
9 income, or have special needs: *Provided further*, That, not-
10 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of
11 Veterans Affairs shall give priority funding for the provi-
12 sion of basic medical benefits to veterans in enrollment
13 priority groups 1 through 6: *Provided further*, That, not-
14 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of
15 Veterans Affairs may authorize the dispensing of prescrip-
16 tion drugs from Veterans Health Administration facilities
17 to enrolled veterans with privately written prescriptions
18 based on requirements established by the Secretary: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That the implementation of the program de-
20 scribed in the previous proviso shall incur no additional
21 cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs: *Provided fur-*
22 *ther*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure
23 that sufficient amounts appropriated under this heading
24 for medical supplies and equipment are available for the
25 acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically for female

1 veterans: *Provided further*, That nothing in section
2 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, may be construed
3 as limiting amounts that may be made available under this
4 heading for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 in this or prior
5 Acts.

6 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

7 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to
8 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United
9 States Code, at non-Department facilities,
10 \$1,027,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-
11 viously appropriated under this heading that became avail-
12 able on October 1, 2026; and in addition,
13 \$42,000,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-
14 come available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain avail-
15 able until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the
16 amount made available on October 1, 2027, under this
17 heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
18 tember 30, 2028.

19 MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

20 For necessary expenses in the administration of the
21 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,
22 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-
23 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-
24 ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-
25 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-

1 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,
2 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-
3 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$12,000,000,000, plus
4 reimbursements, which shall become available on October
5 1, 2027, and shall remain available until September 30,
6 2028: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on
7 October 1, 2027, under this heading, \$350,000,000 shall
8 remain available until September 30, 2029: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That of the \$12,000,000,000 that became available
10 on October 1, 2026, previously appropriated under this
11 heading in the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture,
12 Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans
13 Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 (division D of Public
14 Law 119-37), \$1,650,000,000 is hereby rescinded.

15 MEDICAL FACILITIES

16 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-
17 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,
18 and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Ad-
19 ministration; for administrative expenses in support of
20 planning, design, project management, real property ac-
21 quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of
22 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the
23 Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural
24 activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-
25 ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-

1 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
2 ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by
3 the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-
4 rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services;
5 \$13,540,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-
6 come available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain avail-
7 able until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the
8 amount made available on October 1, 2027, under this
9 heading, \$500,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
10 tember 30, 2029: *Provided further*, That of the
11 \$11,700,000,000 that became available on October 1,
12 2026, previously appropriated under this heading in the
13 Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative
14 Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and
15 Extensions Act, 2026 (division D of Public Law 119-37),
16 \$754,323,000 is hereby rescinded.

17 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

18 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of
19 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-
20 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,
21 \$900,000,000 (increased by \$2,000,000) (increased by
22 \$94,000,000) (increased by \$45,000,000) (reduced by
23 \$45,000,000), plus reimbursements, shall remain available
24 until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That the Secretary
25 of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts

1 appropriated under this heading are available for pros-
2 thetic research specifically for female veterans, and for
3 toxic exposure research.

4 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

5 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-
6 ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-
7 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-
8 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase
9 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-
10 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-
11 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction
12 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$500,000,000,
13 of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available
14 until September 30, 2028.

15 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

16 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 For necessary operating expenses of the Department
19 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including
20 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide
21 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-
22 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for
23 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-
24 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General
25 Services Administration for security guard services,

1 \$425,000,000 (increased by \$5,000,000) (reduced by
 2 \$5,000,000) (reduced by \$3,500,000) (reduced by
 3 \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$3,500,000) (reduced by
 4 \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$3,000,000) (reduced by
 5 \$500,000) (increased by \$5,000,000) (reduced by
 6 \$5,000,000) (reduced by \$5,000,000) (reduced by
 7 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000), which shall be for
 8 the offices and in the amounts specified under this head-
 9 ing in the report accompanying this Act, of which not to
 10 exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September
 11 30, 2028: *Provided*, That funds provided under this head-
 12 ing may be transferred to “General Operating Expenses,
 13 Veterans Benefits Administration”: *Provided further*, That
 14 25 percent of the funds made available under this heading
 15 shall not be available for obligation or expenditure until
 16 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs appears before the Com-
 17 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress to
 18 testify on the President’s budget request for fiscal year
 19 2027.

20 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

21 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of
 22 Veterans Appeals, \$268,000,000 (increased by
 23 \$2,000,000), of which not to exceed 10 percent shall re-
 24 main available until September 30, 2028.

1 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For necessary expenses for information technology
4 systems and telecommunications support, including devel-
5 opmental information systems and operational information
6 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital
7 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-
8 cluding management and related contractual costs of said
9 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with
10 operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United
11 States Code, \$5,454,000,000 (reduced by \$100,000,000),
12 plus reimbursements: *Provided*, That \$1,350,775,000
13 shall be for pay and associated costs, of which not to ex-
14 ceed 3 percent shall remain available until September 30,
15 2028: *Provided further*, That \$3,543,200,000 (reduced by
16 \$100,000,000), shall be for operations and maintenance,
17 of which not to exceed 35 percent shall remain available
18 until September 30, 2028, and of which \$118,900,000
19 shall remain available until September 30, 2031, for the
20 purpose of facility activations related to projects funded
21 by the “Construction, Major Projects”, “Construction,
22 Minor Projects”, “Medical Facilities”, “National Ceme-
23 tery Administration”, “General Operating Expenses, Vet-
24 erans Benefits Administration”, and “General Adminis-
25 tration” accounts: *Provided further*, That \$560,025,000

1 shall be for information technology systems development,
2 and shall remain available until September 30, 2028: *Pro-*
3 *vided further*, That amounts made available for salaries
4 and expenses, operations and maintenance, and informa-
5 tion technology systems development may be transferred
6 among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appropria-
8 tions of both Houses of Congress the authority to make
9 the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided further*,
10 That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-
11 nology Systems” account for development may be trans-
12 ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: *Pro-*
13 *vided further*, That no project may be increased or de-
14 creased by more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submit-
15 ting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of
16 both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an ap-
17 proval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days
18 has elapsed.

19 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

20 For activities related to implementation, preparation,
21 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-
22 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-
23 cluding contractual costs associated with operations au-
24 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,
25 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles

1 5 and 38, United States Code, \$3,400,000,000, to remain
2 available until September 30, 2029: *Provided*, That the
3 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Commit-
4 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quar-
5 terly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and de-
6 ployment implementation by facility, including any
7 changes from the deployment plan or schedule: *Provided*
8 *further*, That the funds provided in this account shall only
9 be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be
10 administered by that Office: *Provided further*, That 25
11 percent of the funds made available under this heading
12 shall not be available until July 1, 2027, and are contin-
13 gent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs providing to
14 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
15 gress a plan by June 1, 2027, containing the following:

16 (1) an updated life-cycle cost estimate for the
17 EHRM program based on the Department's accel-
18 eration of deployments;

19 (2) an updated facility-by-facility deployment
20 schedule for all facilities to receive the EHRM pro-
21 gram;

22 (3) a certification that all VA facilities using
23 the new EHR on or before April 1, 2024, have ex-
24 ceeded or met certain health care performance base-
25 line metrics indicating they have returned to their

1 service delivery levels in place prior to the deploy-
2 ment of the new EHR; and

3 (4) an updated projection of Federal VA staff-
4 ing levels, contract support, and other relevant ac-
5 tivities required, and the resources required to fund
6 those activities, to meet the deployment goal as out-
7 lined in (2), including target Federal and contracted
8 staffing levels at VA Central Office and, each local
9 VA medical center with a slated deployment in 2027
10 and 2028, as well as contract support to provide
11 technical and other change management support to
12 carry out the deployments.

13 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

14 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
15 General, to include information technology, in carrying out
16 the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
17 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), \$290,000,000 (increased by
18 \$5,000,000) (reduced by \$5,000,000) (increased by
19 \$2,000,000), of which not to exceed 10 percent shall re-
20 main available until September 30, 2028.

21 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

22 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
23 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
24 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans
25 Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections

1 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States
2 Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, ar-
3 chitectural and engineering services, construction manage-
4 ment services, maintenance or guarantee period services
5 costs associated with equipment guarantees provided
6 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility
7 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-
8 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more
9 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title
10 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were
11 made available in a previous major project appropriation,
12 \$660,670,000 (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by
13 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$5,000,000) (increased by
14 \$5,000,000), of which \$304,700,000 shall remain avail-
15 able until September 30, 2031, and of which
16 \$355,970,000 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That except for advance planning activities, includ-
18 ing needs assessments which may or may not lead to cap-
19 ital investments, and other capital asset management re-
20 lated activities, including portfolio development and man-
21 agement activities, and planning, cost estimating, and de-
22 sign for major medical facility projects and major medical
23 facility leases and investment strategy studies funded
24 through the advance planning fund and the planning and
25 design activities funded through the design fund, staffing

1 expenses, and funds provided for the purchase, security,
2 and maintenance of land for the National Cemetery Ad-
3 ministration and the Veterans Health Administration
4 through the land acquisition line item, none of the funds
5 made available under this heading shall be used for any
6 project that has not been notified to Congress through the
7 budgetary process or that has not been approved by the
8 Congress through statute, joint resolution, or in the ex-
9 planatory statement accompanying such Act and pre-
10 sented to the President at the time of enrollment: *Provided*
11 *further*, That funds provided for the Veterans Health Ad-
12 ministration through the land acquisition line item shall
13 be only for projects included on the five year development
14 plan notified to Congress through the budgetary process:
15 *Provided further*, That such sums as may be necessary
16 shall be available to reimburse the “General Administra-
17 tion” account for payment of salaries and expenses of all
18 Office of Construction and Facilities Management employ-
19 ees to support the full range of capital infrastructure serv-
20 ices provided, including minor construction and leasing
21 services: *Provided further*, That funds made available
22 under this heading for fiscal year 2027, for each approved
23 project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a con-
24 struction documents contract by September 30, 2027; and
25 (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by Sep-

1 tember 30, 2028: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of
2 Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees
3 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written
4 report on any approved major construction project for
5 which obligations are not incurred within the time limita-
6 tions established above: *Provided further*, That notwith-
7 standing the requirements of section 8104(a) of title 38,
8 United States Code, amounts made available under this
9 heading for seismic program management activities shall
10 be available for the completion of both new and existing
11 seismic projects of the Department.

12 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

13 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
14 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
15 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans
16 Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs
17 which may lead to capital investments, architectural and
18 engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period
19 services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-
20 vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite
21 utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and
22 site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in
23 sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38,
24 United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the
25 estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the

1 amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38,
2 United States Code, \$318,000,000, of which
3 \$210,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
4 2031, and of which \$108,000,000 shall remain available
5 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-
6 vious “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations
7 which are hereby made available for any project where the
8 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth
9 in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available
10 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the
11 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use
12 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or
13 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;
14 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to
15 minimize further loss by such causes.

16 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE
17 FACILITIES

18 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct
19 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-
20 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,
21 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing
22 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through
23 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$171,000,000 (in-
24 creased by \$2,000,000), to remain available until ex-
25 pended.

1 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

2 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations
3 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-
4 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United
5 States Code, \$60,000,000 (increased by \$2,000,000) (re-
6 duced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000), to re-
7 main available until expended.

8 COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND

9 For investment in the delivery of veterans' health
10 care associated with exposure to environmental hazards,
11 the expenses incident to the delivery of veterans' health
12 care and benefits associated with exposure to environ-
13 mental hazards, and medical and other research relating
14 to exposure to environmental hazards, as authorized by
15 section 324 of title 38, United States Code, and in addi-
16 tion to the amounts otherwise available for such purposes
17 in the appropriations provided in this or prior Acts, includ-
18 ing the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law
19 118–5), \$54,593,000,000, to remain available until ex-
20 pended; and, in addition, \$53,715,000,000, which shall be-
21 come available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain avail-
22 able until September 30, 2029.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2027 for
4 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,
5 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-
6 ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-
7 priations: *Provided*, That, before a transfer may take
8 place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from
9 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
10 gress the authority to make the transfer and such Com-
11 mittees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period
12 of 30 days has elapsed.

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 SEC. 202. Not to exceed 3 percent of amounts made
15 available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal
16 year 2027, in this or any other Act, including prior Acts,
17 under the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community
18 Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical
19 Facilities” accounts may be transferred among the ac-
20 counts: *Provided*, That no such account shall be increased
21 by more than 3 percent, in this or any other Act, by any
22 such transfer: *Provided further*, That amounts may be
23 transferred pursuant to this section only upon written no-
24 tification from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the
25 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress

1 of the amount and purpose of the transfer and subsequent
2 approval from the Committees on Appropriations of both
3 House of Congress: *Provided further*, That the transfer au-
4 thority provided in this section is in addition to any other
5 transfer authority provided by law.

6 SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for
7 salaries and expenses shall be available for services au-
8 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code;
9 hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land
10 or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-
11 ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United
12 States Code.

13 SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the
14 appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects” and
15 “Construction, Minor Projects”) shall be available for the
16 purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any
17 new hospital or home.

18 SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be
19 available for healthcare treatment or examination of any
20 persons (except beneficiaries entitled to such treatment or
21 examination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-
22 erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sec-
23 tions 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code,
24 or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
25 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reim-

1 bursement of the cost of such treatment or examination
2 is made to the “Medical Services” account at such rates
3 as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

4 SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for
5 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,
6 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-
7 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-
8 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding
9 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year
10 2026.

11 SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall
12 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding
13 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections
14 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States
15 Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund
16 accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation
17 and Pensions”.

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of
20 law, during fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Veterans
21 Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance
22 Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code,
23 the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund under section
24 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United
25 States Government Life Insurance Fund under section

1 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “Gen-
2 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-
3 tion” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for
4 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-
5 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimburse-
6 ment shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-
7 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year
8 2027 that are available for dividends in that program after
9 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves
10 have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of
11 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the
12 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,
13 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such
14 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
15 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year
16 2027 which is properly allocable to the provision of each
17 such insurance program and to the provision of any total
18 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-
19 gram.

20 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use
21 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-
22 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-
23 viding enhanced-use lease services shall be available until
24 expended.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for
3 salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be
4 available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-
5 ment, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint
6 Adjudication, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution
7 function within the Office of Human Resources and Ad-
8 ministration for all services provided at rates which will
9 recover actual costs but not to exceed \$85,691,000 for the
10 Office of Resolution Management, \$8,807,000 for the Of-
11 fice of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudica-
12 tion, and \$4,742,026 for the Alternative Dispute Resolu-
13 tion function within the Office of Human Resources and
14 Administration: *Provided*, That payments may be made in
15 advance for services to be furnished based on estimated
16 costs: *Provided further*, That amounts received shall be
17 credited to the “General Administration” and “Informa-
18 tion Technology Systems” accounts for use by the office
19 that provided the service.

20 SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans
21 Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home
22 care, or medical services provided to any person under
23 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-serv-
24 ice-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of
25 such title, unless that person has disclosed to the Sec-

1 retary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary
2 may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement
3 information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That the Secretary may recover, in the same man-
5 ner as any other debt due the United States, the reason-
6 able charges for such care or services from any person who
7 does not make such disclosure as required: *Provided fur-*
8 *ther*, That any amounts so recovered for care or services
9 provided in a prior fiscal year may be obligated by the
10 Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are re-
11 ceived.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leas-
15 ing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into
16 the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction,
17 Minor Projects” accounts and be used for construction
18 (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations,
19 and improvements of any medical facility under the juris-
20 diction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Af-
21 fairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount
22 provided for in “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-
23 struction, Minor Projects”.

24 SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical
25 Services” are available—

1 (1) for furnishing recreational facilities, sup-
2 plies, and equipment; and

3 (2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and
4 other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for
5 beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the
8 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A
9 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the
10 “Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-
11 counts to remain available until expended for the purposes
12 of these accounts.

13 SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
14 enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health
15 Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and
16 Tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native
17 Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, to pro-
18 vide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental
19 care, to veterans in rural Alaska. The Secretary shall re-
20 quire participating veterans and facilities to comply with
21 all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the
22 Secretary. The term “rural Alaska” shall mean those
23 lands which are not within the boundaries of the munici-
24 pality of Anchorage or the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the
3 Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pur-
4 suant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may
5 be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and
6 “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain avail-
7 able until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

8 SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of
9 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
10 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
11 Houses of Congress a report on the financial status of the
12 Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter:
13 *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include
14 the direction contained in the paragraph entitled “Quar-
15 terly reporting”, under the heading “General Administra-
16 tion” in the joint explanatory statement accompanying
17 Public Law 114–223.

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Med-
20 ical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Sup-
21 port and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Op-
22 erating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”,
23 “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”,
24 and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fis-
25 cal year 2027 may be transferred to or from the “Informa-

1 tion Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such
2 transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggre-
3 gate increase in the total amount made available by this
4 Act for the “Information Technology Systems” account:
5 *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place,
6 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the
7 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
8 the authority to make the transfer and an approval is
9 issued.

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-
12 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2027 for
13 “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical
14 Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Con-
15 struction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology
16 Systems”, up to \$710,778,000, plus reimbursements, may
17 be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—De-
18 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstra-
19 tion Fund, established by section 1704 of the National De-
20 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law
21 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation
22 of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical
23 facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hun-
24 ter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
25 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*,

1 That additional funds may be transferred from accounts
2 designated in this section to the Joint Department of De-
3 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
4 Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Sec-
5 retary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-
6 priations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,
7 That section 220 of title II of division D of Public Law
8 119–37, is repealed.

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-
11 partment of Veterans Affairs which become available on
12 October 1, 2027, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Com-
13 munity Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and
14 “Medical Facilities”, up to \$760,767,000, plus reimburse-
15 ments, may be transferred to the Joint Department of De-
16 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
17 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the
18 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
19 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used
20 for operation of the facilities designated as combined Fed-
21 eral medical facilities as described by section 706 of the
22 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for
23 Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500):
24 *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from
25 accounts designated in this section to the Joint Depart-

1 ment of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Med-
2 ical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifica-
3 tion by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Commit-
4 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the
7 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A
8 of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided
9 at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facili-
10 ties as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter
11 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009
12 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be avail-
13 able: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of De-
14 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
15 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the
16 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
17 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for oper-
18 ations of the facilities designated as combined Federal
19 medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Dun-
20 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
21 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Pro-*
22 *vided*, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the
23 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
24 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts trans-
25 ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department

1 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund
2 shall remain available until expended.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 222. Of the amounts available in this title for
5 “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical
6 Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, a
7 minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the
8 DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as au-
9 thorized by section 8111(d) of title 38, United States
10 Code, to remain available until expended, for any purpose
11 authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

12 SEC. 223. None of the funds available to the Depart-
13 ment of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may
14 be used to replace the current system by which the Vet-
15 erans Integrated Service Networks select and contract for
16 diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.

17 SEC. 224. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-
18 tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
19 Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project
20 that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-
21 grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: *Pro-*
22 *vided*, That such notification shall occur within 14 days
23 of a contract identifying the programmed amount: *Pro-*
24 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Commit-
25 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14

1 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall
2 describe the anticipated use of such savings.

3 SEC. 225. None of the funds made available for
4 “Construction, Major Projects” may be used for a project
5 in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-
6 nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of
7 the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-
8 erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on
9 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

10 SEC. 226. Not later than 30 days after the end of
11 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
12 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
13 Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-
14 ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-
15 ministration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a min-
16 imum, the report shall include the direction contained in
17 the section entitled “Disability claims backlog”, under the
18 heading “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits
19 Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accom-
20 panying Public Law 114–223: *Provided further*, That the
21 report shall also include information on the number of ap-
22 peals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration as
23 well as the Board of Veterans Appeals on a quarterly
24 basis.

1 SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
2 provide written notification to the Committees on Appro-
3 priations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-
4 ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or
5 more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of
6 the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

7 SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
8 provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appro-
9 priations of both Houses of Congress notification of any
10 single national outreach and awareness marketing cam-
11 paign in which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon
14 determination that such action is necessary to address
15 needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-
16 fer to the “Medical Services” account not to exceed 3 per-
17 cent of any discretionary appropriations made available
18 for fiscal year 2027 in this title (except the appropriation
19 made to the “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Ben-
20 efits Administration” account) or not to exceed 3 percent
21 of any discretionary unobligated balances within the De-
22 partment of Veterans Affairs, including not to exceed 3
23 percent of those appropriated for fiscal year 2027, that
24 were provided in advance by appropriations Acts: *Pro-*
25 *vided*, That the transfer authority provided in this section

1 is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by
2 law: *Provided further*, That no amounts may be trans-
3 ferred from amounts that were designated by Congress as
4 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-
5 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
6 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
7 such authority to transfer may not be used unless for
8 higher priority items, based on emergent healthcare re-
9 quirements, than those for which originally appropriated
10 and in no case where the item for which funds are re-
11 quested has been denied by Congress: *Provided further*,
12 That, upon determination that all or part of the funds
13 transferred from an appropriation are not necessary, such
14 amounts may be transferred back to that appropriation
15 and shall be available for the same purposes as originally
16 appropriated: *Provided further*, That before a transfer may
17 take place pursuant to this section, the Secretary of Vet-
18 erans Affairs must provide written notification of the
19 amount and purpose of the transfer and subsequent ap-
20 proval from the Committees on Appropriations of both
21 Houses of Congress.

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 230. Amounts made available for the Depart-
24 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2027, under the
25 “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating

1 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts
2 may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That
3 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-
4 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-
5 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to
6 make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

7 SEC. 231. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not
8 reprogram funds among major construction projects or
9 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed
10 a cumulative \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is
11 approved by the Committees on Appropriations of both
12 Houses of Congress.

13 SEC. 232. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
14 ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section
15 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

16 (1) provides to individuals who contact the hot-
17 line immediate assistance from a trained profes-
18 sional; and

19 (2) adheres to all requirements of the American
20 Association of Suicidology.

21 (b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act
22 may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Execu-
23 tive action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
24 from appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil
25 service position, or establishing a new civil service position,

1 at the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to
2 such a position relating to the hotline specified in sub-
3 section (a).

4 (2) In this subsection—

5 (A) the term “civil service” has the meaning
6 given such term in section 2101(1) of title 5, United
7 States Code; and

8 (B) the term “Executive action” includes—

9 (i) any Executive order, Presidential
10 memorandum, or other action by the President;
11 and

12 (ii) any agency policy, order, or other di-
13 rective.

14 (c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall con-
15 duct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified
16 in subsection (a) during the 5-year period beginning on
17 January 1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide
18 data and data collected from such hotline.

19 (2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph
20 (1) shall—

21 (A) determine the number of veterans who con-
22 tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who
23 receive follow up services from the hotline or mental
24 health services from the Department of Veterans Af-
25 fairs thereafter;

1 (B) determine the number of veterans who con-
2 tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not
3 continue receiving, mental health care who commit
4 suicide; and

5 (C) determine the number of veterans described
6 in subparagraph (A) who commit or attempt suicide.

7 SEC. 233. Effective during the period beginning on
8 October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2028, none
9 of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans
10 Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or ex-
11 pended in contravention of the “Veterans Health Adminis-
12 tration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement
13 on the Veterans Health Administration’s Screening for
14 Breast Cancer Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as
15 issued by the Veterans Health Administration National
16 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

17 SEC. 234. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
18 of law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made avail-
19 able to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Med-
20 ical Services” account may be used to provide—

21 (1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-
22 sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran
23 or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

24 (2) adoption reimbursement to a covered vet-
25 eran.

1 (b) In this section:

2 (1) The term “service-connected” has the
3 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38,
4 United States Code.

5 (2) The term “covered veteran” means a vet-
6 eran, as such term is defined in section 101 of title
7 38, United States Code, who has a service-connected
8 disability that results in the inability of the veteran
9 to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

10 (3) The term “assisted reproductive tech-
11 nology” means benefits relating to reproductive as-
12 sistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces
13 who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty
14 pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United
15 States Code, as described in the memorandum on
16 the subject of “Policy for Assisted Reproductive
17 Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/
18 Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service
19 Members” issued by the Assistant Secretary of De-
20 fense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the
21 guidance issued to implement such policy, including
22 any limitations on the amount of such benefits avail-
23 able to such a member except that—

24 (A) the time periods regarding embryo
25 cryopreservation and storage set forth in part

1 III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum
2 shall not apply; and

3 (B) such term includes embryo
4 cryopreservation and storage without limitation
5 on the duration of such cryopreservation and
6 storage.

7 (4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means
8 reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for
9 an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-
10 actment of this Act under the same terms as apply
11 under the adoption reimbursement program of the
12 Department of Defense, as authorized in Depart-
13 ment of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the
14 reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in
15 such instruction.

16 (c) Amounts made available for the purposes speci-
17 fied in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the
18 requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division
19 H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public
20 Law 115–141).

21 SEC. 235. None of the funds appropriated or other-
22 wise made available by this Act or any other Act for the
23 Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner
24 that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transpor-
25 tation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the

1 Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent
2 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115;
3 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38,
4 United States Code.

5 SEC. 236. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall
6 not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the
7 Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Ad-
8 ministration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-
9 tractor performance by a business concern that is at least
10 51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined
11 in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one
12 or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-
13 tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

14 SEC. 237. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in
15 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
16 retary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using So-
17 cial Security account numbers to authenticate individuals
18 in all information systems of the Department of Veterans
19 Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30,
20 2027.

21 (b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and
22 use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-
23 vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United
24 States Code, in an information system of the Department

1 of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number
2 is necessary to:

3 (1) obtain or provide information the Secretary
4 requires from an information system that is not
5 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

6 (2) comply with a law, regulation, or court
7 order;

8 (3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

9 (4) identify a specific individual where no ade-
10 quate substitute is available.

11 (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-
12 sede section 237 of division A of Public Law 119–37.

13 SEC. 238. For funds provided to the Department of
14 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2027 and 2028
15 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public
16 Law 114–223 shall apply.

17 SEC. 239. None of the funds appropriated in this or
18 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to
19 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-
20 fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-
21 pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-
22 ment of Veterans Affairs.

23 SEC. 240. Of the funds provided to the Department
24 of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2027 and fiscal
25 year 2028 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in

1 each year to carry out and expand the child care program
2 authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-
3 withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

4 SEC. 241. None of the funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available in this title may be used by the Sec-
6 retary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement re-
7 lated to resolving a dispute or claim with an individual
8 that would restrict in any way the individual from speak-
9 ing to Members of Congress or their staff on any topic
10 not otherwise prohibited from disclosure by Federal law
11 or required by Executive order to be kept secret in the
12 interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign af-
13 fairs.

14 SEC. 242. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
15 erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny
16 an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access
17 to any records, documents, or other materials available to
18 the department or agency over which that Inspector Gen-
19 eral has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act
20 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), or to prevent or impede
21 the access of the Inspector General to such records, docu-
22 ments, or other materials, under any provision of law, ex-
23 cept a provision of law that expressly refers to such In-
24 spector General and expressly limits the right of access.

1 (b) A department or agency covered by this section
2 shall provide its Inspector General access to all records,
3 documents, and other materials in a timely manner.

4 (c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance
5 with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-
6 formation provided by the establishment over which that
7 Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector
8 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.).

9 (d) Each Inspector General covered by this section
10 shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the
11 Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House
12 of Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure
13 by any department or agency covered by this section to
14 comply with this requirement.

15 SEC. 243. None of the funds made available in this
16 Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait
17 times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of
18 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

19 SEC. 244. None of the funds appropriated or other-
20 wise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health
21 Administration may be used in fiscal year 2027 to convert
22 any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-
23 cal year 2026 to a general purpose funded program unless
24 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-
25 tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-

1 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior
2 to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-
3 mittees.

4 SEC. 245. For funds provided to the Department of
5 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2027 and 2028,
6 section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
7 apply.

8 SEC. 246. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
9 erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct
10 research commencing on or after July 1, 2025, that uses
11 any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the Sec-
12 retary of Veterans Affairs approves such research specifi-
13 cally and in writing pursuant to subsection (b).

14 (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve
15 the conduct of research commencing on or after July 1,
16 2025, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if the
17 Secretary certifies that—

18 (A) the scientific objectives of the research can
19 only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-
20 human primates and cannot be met using other ani-
21 mal models, in vitro models, computational models,
22 human clinical studies, or other research alter-
23 natives;

24 (B) such scientific objectives are necessary to
25 advance research benefiting veterans and are directly

1 related to an illness or injury that is combat-related
2 as defined by 10 U.S.C. 1413(e);

3 (C) the research is consistent with the revised
4 Department of Veterans Affairs canine research pol-
5 icy document dated December 15, 2017, including
6 any subsequent revisions to such document; and

7 (D) ethical considerations regarding minimizing
8 the harm experienced by canines, felines, or non-
9 human primates are included in evaluating the sci-
10 entific necessity of the research.

11 (2) The Secretary may not delegate the authority
12 under this subsection.

13 (c) If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-
14 ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the
15 commencement of such research, the Secretary shall sub-
16 mit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate
17 and House of Representatives a report describing—

18 (1) the nature of the research to be conducted
19 using canines, felines, or non-human primates;

20 (2) the date on which the Secretary approved
21 the research;

22 (3) the USDA pain category on the approved
23 use;

24 (4) the justification for the determination of the
25 Secretary that the scientific objectives of such re-

1 search could only be met using canines, felines, or
2 non-human primates, and methods used to make
3 such determination;

4 (5) the frequency and duration of such re-
5 search; and

6 (6) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-
7 sity, safety, and efficacy of the research, and animal
8 welfare.

9 (d) The Secretary shall submit a biannual report to
10 such Committees describing—

11 (1) any research being conducted by the De-
12 partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,
13 or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-
14 mittal of the report;

15 (2) the circumstances under which such re-
16 search was conducted using canines, felines, or non-
17 human primates;

18 (3) the justification for using canines, felines,
19 or non-human primates to conduct such research;

20 (4) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-
21 sity, safety, and efficacy of such research; and

22 (5) the development and adoption of alter-
23 natives to canines, felines, or non-human primate re-
24 search.

1 (e) The Department of Veterans Affairs must submit
2 to voluntary U.S. Department of Agriculture inspections
3 of canine, feline, and non-human primate research facili-
4 ties.

5 (f) The Secretary shall submit an annual report to
6 such Committees describing—

7 (1) any violations of the Animal Welfare Act,
8 the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care
9 and Use of Laboratory Animals, or other Depart-
10 ment of Veterans Affairs policies related to oversight
11 of animal research found during that quarter in VA
12 research facilities;

13 (2) immediate corrective actions taken; and

14 (3) specific actions taken to prevent their recur-
15 rence.

16 SEC. 247. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
17 use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in
18 this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time
19 employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-
20 tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States
21 Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time em-
22 ployment equivalent.

23 (b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
24 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
25 gress a report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted

1 under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, includ-
2 ing—

3 (1) an assessment of the veteran-to-staff ratio
4 for each such program; and

5 (2) recommendations for such action as the
6 Secretary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-
7 to-staff ratio for each such program.

8 SEC. 248. Amounts made available for the “Veterans
9 Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-
10 count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2027 and
11 2028 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be
12 payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by
13 section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-
14 ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

15 SEC. 249. Obligations and expenditures applicable to
16 the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017
17 through 2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by
18 section 1741 of title 38, United States Code) shall remain
19 in the “Medical Community Care” account for such fiscal
20 years.

21 SEC. 250. Of the amounts made available for the De-
22 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2027, in this
23 or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-
24 tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-
25 tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-

1 ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, “Vet-
2 erans Health Administration—Medical Facilities”, and
3 “Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund” accounts,
4 \$1,444,000,000 shall be made available for gender-specific
5 care and programmatic efforts to deliver care for women
6 veterans; \$700,000,000 shall be made available for suicide
7 prevention outreach programs; \$3,500,000,000 shall be
8 made available for the Caregivers program; \$42,000,000
9 shall be made available for the National Center for Post-
10 Traumatic Stress Disorder; \$80,000,000 shall be made
11 available for the Neurology Centers of Excellence;
12 \$349,000,000 (increased by \$5,000,000) shall be made
13 available for rural health care; \$3,459,121,000 shall be
14 made available for veterans’ homelessness programs;
15 \$6,365,000,000 shall be made available for telehealth for
16 veterans; \$709,573,000 shall be made available for opioid
17 prevention and treatment programs; and, \$31,997,000
18 shall be made available for the Intimate Partner Violence
19 Assistance Program.

20 SEC. 251. Of the unobligated balances available in
21 fiscal year 2027 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-
22 formational Fund” established in section 243 of division
23 J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds
24 otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,
25 or subsequent fiscal years, \$1,450,000,000 shall be avail-

1 able for constructing, altering, extending, and improving
2 medical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration,
3 including all supporting activities and required contin-
4 gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund: *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That prior to obligation of any of the funds pro-
6 vided in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
7 must provide a plan for the execution of the funds appro-
8 priated in this section to the Committees on Appropria-
9 tions of both Houses of Congress and such Committees
10 issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30
11 days has elapsed.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 252. Not later than 30 days after enactment
14 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees
15 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-
16 ture plan for funds made available in this Act and any
17 available unobligated balances from prior Acts: *Provided*,
18 That the budget resource categories supporting the Vet-
19 erans Health Administration shall be reported by the sub-
20 categories “Medical Services”, “Medical Community
21 Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical
22 and Prosthetic Research”: *Provided further*, That not later
23 than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Sec-
24 retary shall submit a quarterly report on the status of the

1 funds, including, at a minimum, an update on obligations
2 by program, project or activity.

3 SEC. 253. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary
4 and administered by a corporation referred to in section
5 7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October
6 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 for purposes of carrying
7 out an order placed with the Department of Veterans Af-
8 fairs pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States
9 Code, that are available for obligation pursuant to section
10 7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain
11 available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred
12 by such corporation during the period of performance of
13 such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Af-
14 fairs determines that such amounts need to remain avail-
15 able for such liquidation.

16 SEC. 254. None of the funds in this or any other Act
17 may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs hos-
18 pitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental
19 assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing
20 Veterans Health Administration medical facilities as part
21 of a planned realignment of services until the Secretary
22 provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both
23 Houses of Congress a report including an analysis of how
24 any such planned realignment of services will impact ac-
25 cess to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural

1 areas, including travel distances and transportation costs
2 to access a Department medical facility and availability
3 of local specialty and primary care.

4 SEC. 255. Unobligated balances available under the
5 headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-
6 tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary
7 of Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section
8 2(e)(1) of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-
9 erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016
10 (Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended,
11 to provide additional funds or to fund an escalation clause
12 under such section of such Act: *Provided*, That before such
13 unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this sec-
14 tion, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from
15 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
16 gress the authority to obligate such unobligated balances
17 and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a re-
18 sponse, a period of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*,
19 That the request to obligate such unobligated balances
20 must provide Congress notice that the entity described in
21 section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114–294, as amended, has
22 exhausted available cost containment approaches as set
23 forth in the agreement under section 2(c) of such Public
24 Law.

1 SEC. 256. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this
2 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for
3 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated,
4 awarded, or expended to procure or purchase covered in-
5 formation technology equipment in cases where the manu-
6 facturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent
7 entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the
8 equipment is an entity, or parent company of an entity
9 listed on any of the following:

10 (1) the Department of Defense’s Chinese Mili-
11 tary Company List;

12 (2) the Department of the Treasury’s Non-
13 SDN Chinese Military Industrial Complex Compa-
14 nies List;

15 (3) the Department of Commerce’s Denied Per-
16 sons List, Entity List, or Military End User List, if
17 the entity is—

18 (A) an agency or instrumentality of the
19 People’s Republic of China;

20 (B) an entity headquartered in the Peo-
21 ple’s Republic of China; or

22 (C) directly or indirectly owned or con-
23 trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity
24 described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or

1 (4) the Department of Homeland Security’s
2 Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES.—The prohi-
4 bition in subsection (a) also applies in cases in which the
5 Secretary has contracted with a third party for the pro-
6 curement, purchase, or expenditure of funds on any of the
7 equipment and software described in such subsection.

8 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
9 term “covered information technology equipment” shall
10 mean the following equipment used in an office environ-
11 ment: computers, printers, or interoperable
12 videoconferencing equipment used in or by the Depart-
13 ment of Veterans Affairs directly. “Covered information
14 technology equipment” shall not refer to services that use
15 such equipment, including cloud services.

16 SEC. 257. During the period beginning on October
17 1, 2026 and ending on September 30, 2027, none of the
18 funds made available by this Act may be used to admin-
19 ister, implement, or enforce the final rule issued by the
20 Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to “Change in Rates
21 VA Pays for Special Modes of Transportation” (88 Fed.
22 Reg. 10032) and published on February 16, 2023.

23 SEC. 258. None of the funds appropriated or other-
24 wise made available by this Act may be used to pay award
25 or incentive fees for contractors whose performance has

1 been judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over
2 budget, or has failed to meet the basic requirements of
3 a contract, unless the Agency determines that any such
4 deviations are due to unforeseeable events, government-
5 driven scope changes, or are not significant within the
6 overall scope of the project and/or program and unless
7 such awards or incentive fees are consistent with section
8 16.401(e)(2) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

9 SEC. 259. The Department is directed to maintain
10 staffing levels to facilitate the Department's own goals,
11 including that benefits claims are adjudicated according
12 to the 125 day goal, and that healthcare appointments and
13 service are provided in the timeframes required by statute
14 and regulation.

15 SEC. 260. Notwithstanding any other law, by no later
16 than September 30, 2027, the Secretary shall commence
17 construction of the Community Based Outpatient Clinic
18 in Bakersfield, California or move services currently being
19 provided at the current Community Based Outpatient
20 Clinic in Bakersfield, California to an appropriate, tem-
21 porary space until such a time that the new facility can
22 be constructed in accordance with Lease
23 No.36C10F20L0008.

24 SEC. 261. None of the funds made available by this
25 Act may be used to reduce the staffing, hours of operation,

1 or services of the Veterans Crisis Line or any other suicide
2 prevention program of the Department of Veterans Af-
3 fairs.

4 TITLE III

5 RELATED AGENCIES

6 AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
9 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including
10 the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign coun-
11 tries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of
12 national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United
13 States and its territories and possessions; rent of office
14 and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-
15 one replacement basis only) and hire of passenger motor
16 vehicles; not to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and
17 representation expenses; and insurance of official motor
18 vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such
19 countries, \$107,925,000, to remain available until ex-
20 pended.

21 FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

22 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
23 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such
24 sums as may be necessary, to remain available until ex-

1 pended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title
2 36, United States Code.

3 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS
4 CLAIMS
5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 For necessary expenses for the operation of the
7 United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as
8 authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38,
9 United States Code, \$50,000,000, of which \$3,000,000
10 shall be available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*,
11 That \$4,300,000 shall be available for the purpose of pro-
12 viding financial assistance as described and in accordance
13 with the process and reporting procedures set forth under
14 this heading in Public Law 102–229.

15 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL
16 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY
17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,
19 and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-
20 diers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including
21 the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for re-
22 placement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed
23 \$2,000 for official reception and representation expenses,
24 \$118,000,000, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall
25 remain available until September 30, 2029. In addition,

1 such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance,
2 repairs and replacement, to be derived from the “Lease
3 of Department of Defense Real Property for Defense
4 Agencies” account.

5 ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

6 TRUST FUND

7 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-
8 ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces
9 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia,
10 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-
11 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed
12 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$77,000,000, to re-
13 main available until September 30, 2028, of which
14 \$2,000,000 shall remain available until expended for con-
15 struction and renovation of the physical plants at the
16 Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of
17 Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—
18 Gulfport, Mississippi: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
19 available under this heading from funds available in the
20 Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund,
21 \$27,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the
22 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

24 SEC. 301. Amounts deposited into the special account
25 established under 10 U.S.C. 7727 are appropriated and

1 shall be available until expended to support activities at
2 the Army National Military Cemeteries.

3 TITLE IV

4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

5 SEC. 401. No part of any appropriation contained in
6 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
7 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

8 SEC. 402. None of the funds made available in this
9 Act may be used for any program, project, or activity,
10 when it is made known to the Federal entity or official
11 to which the funds are made available that the program,
12 project, or activity is not in compliance with any Federal
13 law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private
14 property rights, or unfunded mandates.

15 SEC. 403. All departments and agencies funded under
16 this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing
17 statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of
18 “E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the con-
19 duct of their business practices and public service activi-
20 ties.

21 SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and no-
22 tifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the
23 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Af-
24 fairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appro-
25 priations of the House of Representatives and the Sub-

1 committee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,
2 and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations
3 of the Senate.

4 SEC. 405. None of the funds made available in this
5 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
6 strumentality of the United States Government except
7 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
8 vided in, this or any other appropriations Act.

9 SEC. 406. None of the funds made available in this
10 Act may be used for a project or program named for an
11 individual serving as a Member, Delegate, or Resident
12 Commissioner of the United States House of Representa-
13 tives.

14 SEC. 407. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-
15 able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),
16 post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-
17 quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any
18 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-
19 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

20 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—

21 (1) the public posting of the report com-
22 promises national security; or

23 (2) the report contains confidential or propri-
24 etary information.

1 (c) The head of the agency posting such report shall
2 do so only after such report has been made available to
3 the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for
4 no less than 45 days.

5 SEC. 408. (a) None of the funds made available in
6 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
7 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
8 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

9 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
10 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
11 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
12 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

13 SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this
14 Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch
15 to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency
16 in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–
17 10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

18 SEC. 410. None of the funds made available in this
19 Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or serv-
20 ices, including construction services, where the contractor
21 has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

22 SEC. 411. None of the funds made available by this
23 Act may be used in contravention of section 101(f)(8) of
24 title 10, United States Code.

1 SEC. 412. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-
2 propriated or otherwise made available to the Department
3 of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate,
4 or expand any facility in the United States, its territories,
5 or possessions to house any individual detained at United
6 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the
7 purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or
8 under the control of the Department of Defense.

9 (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply
10 to any modification of facilities at United States Naval
11 Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

12 (c) An individual described in this subsection is any
13 individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United
14 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and who—

15 (1) is not a citizen of the United States or a
16 member of the Armed Forces of the United States;
17 and

18 (2) is—

19 (A) in the custody or under the effective
20 control of the Department of Defense; or

21 (B) otherwise under detention at United
22 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

23 SEC. 413. None of the funds made available by this
24 Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
25 under section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any

1 case arising out of the administration by the Secretary of
2 laws and benefits under such title, to report a person who
3 is deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent,
4 or to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness
5 as a person who has been adjudicated as a mental defec-
6 tive under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of
7 title 18, United States Code, without the order or finding
8 of a judge, magistrate, or other judicial authority of com-
9 petent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself
10 or herself or others.

11 SEC. 414. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
12 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
13 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
14 matter pending before Congress, other than to commu-
15 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
16 1913.

17 SEC. 415. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-
18 sure that the policies and requirements described in the
19 transmittal sheet of the Veterans Health Administration
20 published on August 8, 2019, titled “Smoke-Free Policy
21 for Employees at VA Health Care Facilities (VHA Direc-
22 tive 1085.01)” remain in effect.

23 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

24 SEC. 416. \$0.

1 SEC. 417. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used to prepare more than one environmental
3 impact statement under section 102(2)(C) of the National
4 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4331) for
5 a military construction project bearing the same project
6 number listed in Block 7 of Department of Defense Form
7 1391, unless the preparation of more than one such envi-
8 ronmental impact statement is required under an order
9 of a court of competent jurisdiction.

10 SEC. 418. None of the funds made available by this
11 Act under the heading “Medical Community Care” may
12 be used in contravention of section 17.4040(a)(2) of title
13 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

14 SEC. 419. None of the funds made available by this
15 Act under the heading “Military Construction, Navy and
16 Marine Corps” may be used for architectural and engi-
17 neering services or construction design for a facility classi-
18 fied as Administrative under the Department of Defense
19 Real Property Categorization System unless such architec-
20 tural and engineering services or construction design is for
21 a facility classified under such categorization system as—

- 22 (1) Operation and Training;
- 23 (2) Maintenance and Production;
- 24 (3) Housing and Community; or
- 25 (4) Utility and Ground Improvements.

1 SEC. 420. None of the funds appropriated or other-
2 wise made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs
3 in this Act may be used to enforce Veterans Health Direc-
4 tive 1315 as it relates to—

5 (1) the policy stating that “VHA providers are
6 prohibited from completing forms or registering Vet-
7 erans for participation in a State-approved mari-
8 juana program”;

9 (2) the directive for the “Deputy Under Sec-
10 retary for Health for Operations and Management”
11 to ensure that “medical facility Directors are aware
12 that it is VHA policy for providers to assess Veteran
13 use of marijuana but providers are prohibited from
14 recommending, making referrals to or completing
15 paperwork for Veteran participation in State mari-
16 juana programs”; and

17 (3) the directive for the “VA Medical Facility
18 Director” to ensure that “VA facility staff are aware
19 of the following” “[t]he prohibition on recom-
20 mending, making referrals to or completing forms
21 and registering Veterans for participation in State-
22 approved marijuana programs”.

23 SEC. 421. None of the funds made available by this
24 Act may be used to close the Port Charlotte VA Clinic
25 in Port Charlotte, Florida.

1 This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-
2 tion, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropria-
3 tions Act, 2027”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 15, 2026.

Attest:

Clerk.

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AN ACT

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes.