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Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

JUNE 22, 2023

Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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**A BILL**

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, 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,*  
3       That the following sums are appropriated, out of any  
4       money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for  
5       military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,

1 and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September  
2 30, 2024, and for other purposes, namely:

3 TITLE I

4 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

5 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

6 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
7 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military  
8 installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as  
9 currently authorized by law, including personnel in the  
10 Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-  
11 essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-  
12 struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-  
13 tions of the Commander in Chief, \$1,876,875,000, to re-  
14 main available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That,  
15 of this amount, not to exceed \$349,245,000 shall be avail-  
16 able for study, planning, design, architect and engineer  
17 services, and host nation support, as authorized by law,  
18 unless the Secretary of the Army determines that addi-  
19 tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and no-  
20 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
21 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:  
22 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available  
23 under this heading, \$376,320,000 shall be for the projects  
24 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the report

1 accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise  
2 available for such purposes.

3 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

4 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
5 ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-  
6 stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and  
7 Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including  
8 personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
9 and other personal services necessary for the purposes of  
10 this appropriation, \$6,046,309,000, to remain available  
11 until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of this amount,  
12 not to exceed \$708,822,000 shall be available for study,  
13 planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as  
14 authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy deter-  
15 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such  
16 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations  
17 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the  
18 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount  
19 made available under this heading, \$282,880,000 shall be  
20 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-  
21 fied in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to  
22 amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

23 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

24 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
25 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military

1 installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force  
2 as currently authorized by law, \$2,802,924,000, to remain  
3 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of this  
4 amount, not to exceed \$562,074,000 shall be available for  
5 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
6 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Air  
7 Force determines that additional obligations are necessary  
8 for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appro-  
9 priations of both Houses of Congress of the determination  
10 and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the  
11 amount made available under this heading, \$197,610,000  
12 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,  
13 specified in the report accompanying this Act, in addition  
14 to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

15           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

16                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17           For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
18 ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-  
19 tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-  
20 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military  
21 departments), as currently authorized by law,  
22 \$3,132,782,000, to remain available until September 30,  
23 2028: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation  
24 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may  
25 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department

1 of Defense available for military construction or family  
2 housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with  
3 and to be available for the same purposes, and for the  
4 same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which  
5 transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to  
6 exceed \$318,545,000 shall be available for study, plan-  
7 ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-  
8 thorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense deter-  
9 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such  
10 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations  
11 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the  
12 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount  
13 made available under this heading, \$36,100,000 shall be  
14 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-  
15 fied in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to  
16 amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

17 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

18 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
19 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
20 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-  
21 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
22 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
23 tion Acts, \$598,572,000, to remain available until Sep-  
24 tember 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to  
25 exceed \$71,146,000 shall be available for study, planning,

1 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized  
2 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard  
3 determines that additional obligations are necessary for  
4 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-  
5 tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and  
6 the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount  
7 made available under this heading, \$251,386,000 shall be  
8 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-  
9 fied in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to  
10 amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

11       MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

12       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
13 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
14 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions  
15 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United  
16 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization  
17 Acts, \$304,426,000, to remain available until September  
18 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed  
19 \$67,854,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,  
20 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,  
21 unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines  
22 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes  
23 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both  
24 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons  
25 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-

1 able under this heading, \$125,704,000 shall be for the  
2 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in  
3 the report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts  
4 otherwise available for such purposes.

5           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

6           For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
7 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
8 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter  
9 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-  
10 struction Authorization Acts, \$151,076,000, to remain  
11 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the  
12 amount, not to exceed \$27,389,000 shall be available for  
13 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
14 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army  
15 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-  
16 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on  
17 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-  
18 mination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That  
19 of the amount made available under this heading,  
20 \$44,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and  
21 in the amounts, specified in the report accompanying this  
22 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such  
23 purposes.

## 1           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

2           For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
3 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
4 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and  
5 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
6 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
7 tion Acts, \$51,291,000, to remain available until Sep-  
8 tember 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to  
9 exceed \$6,495,000 shall be available for study, planning,  
10 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized  
11 by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that  
12 additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and  
13 notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
14 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

## 15           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

16           For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
17 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
18 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by  
19 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military  
20 Construction Authorization Acts, \$309,572,000, to remain  
21 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the  
22 amount, not to exceed \$14,646,000 shall be available for  
23 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
24 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air  
25 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are

1 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees  
2 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-  
3 termination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*,  
4 That of the amount made available under this heading,  
5 \$18,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and  
6 in the amounts, specified in the report accompanying this  
7 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such  
8 purposes.

9 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

10 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

11 For the United States share of the cost of the North  
12 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-  
13 gram for the acquisition and construction of military fa-  
14 cilities and installations (including international military  
15 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective  
16 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized  
17 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-  
18 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$293,434,000, to  
19 remain available until expended.

20 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

21 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base  
22 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-  
23 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10  
24 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$439,174,000, to remain available  
25 until expended.



1 est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by  
2 law, \$363,854,000.

3 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

4 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for  
5 construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,  
6 expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,  
7 \$237,097,000, to remain available until September 30,  
8 2028.

9 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR  
10 FORCE

11 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for  
12 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-  
13 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,  
14 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,  
15 \$314,386,000.

16 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
17 DEFENSE-WIDE

18 For expenses of family housing for the activities and  
19 agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the  
20 military departments) for operation and maintenance,  
21 leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law,  
22 \$50,785,000.

1                   DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
2                   FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

3           For the Department of Defense Family Housing Im-  
4   provement Fund, \$6,611,000, to remain available until ex-  
5   pended, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursu-  
6   ant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, pro-  
7   viding alternative means of acquiring and improving mili-  
8   tary family housing and supporting facilities.

9                   DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
10           MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT  
11                   FUND

12           For the Department of Defense Military Unaccom-  
13   panied Housing Improvement Fund, \$496,000, to remain  
14   available until expended, for unaccompanied housing ini-  
15   tiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10,  
16   United States Code, providing alternative means of acquir-  
17   ing and improving military unaccompanied housing and  
18   supporting facilities.

19                   ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

20           SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this  
21   title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-  
22   fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates  
23   exceed \$25,000, to be performed within the United States,  
24   except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of

1 the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons there-  
2 for.

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

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

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

17 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this  
18 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements  
19 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by  
20 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-  
21 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-  
22 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated  
23 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney  
24 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 \$35,000 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 March 2011, 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, 2028:

4           “Military Construction, Army”, \$38,514,000;

5           “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
6 Corps”, \$351,100,000;

7           “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
8 \$66,000,000;

9           “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”,  
10 \$117,100,000;

11          “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,  
12 \$89,500,000;

13          “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,  
14 \$5,200,000; and

15          “Military Construction, Army Reserve”,  
16 \$23,000,000:

17 *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry  
18 out construction and cost to complete projects identified  
19 in the respective military department’s unfunded priority  
20 list for fiscal year 2024 submitted to Congress: *Provided*  
21 *further*, That such projects are subject to authorization  
22 prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out  
23 construction: *Provided further*, That not later than 60  
24 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the mili-  
25 tary department concerned, or their designee, shall submit

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

4       SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-  
5 ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “De-  
6 partment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and  
7 Marine Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Con-  
8 struction, Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Mili-  
9 tary Construction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to  
10 the authorization of appropriations in a National Defense  
11 Authorization Act specified for fiscal year 2024 in the  
12 funding table in section 4601 of that Act shall be imme-  
13 diately available and allotted to contract for the full scope  
14 of authorized projects.

15       SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,  
16 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-  
17 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-  
18 gated before October 1, 2025 for fiscal year 2017, 2018,  
19 and 2019 military construction projects for which project  
20 authorization has not lapsed or for which authorization  
21 is extended for fiscal year 2024 by a National Defense  
22 Authorization Act: *Provided*, That no amounts may be ob-  
23 ligated pursuant to this section from amounts that were  
24 designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement  
25 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the

1 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
2 1985.

3       SEC. 127. For the purposes of this Act, the term  
4 “congressional defense committees” means the Commit-  
5 tees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives  
6 and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construc-  
7 tion and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropria-  
8 tions of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military  
9 Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on  
10 Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

11       SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts  
12 and in the amounts specified for planning and design and  
13 unspecified minor construction, for improving military in-  
14 stallation resilience, to remain available until September  
15 30, 2028:

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

17             “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
18 Corps”, \$7,500,000; and

19             “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
20 \$7,500,000:

21 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of  
22 this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-  
23 cerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees  
24 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-  
25 ture plan for funds provided under this section: *Provided*

1 *further*, That the Secretary of the military department  
2 concerned may not obligate or expend any funds prior to  
3 approval by the Committees on Appropriations of both  
4 Houses of Congress of the expenditure plan required by  
5 this section.

6       SEC. 129. For an additional amount for “Military  
7 Construction, Air Force”, \$150,000,000, to remain avail-  
8 able until September 30, 2028, for expenses incurred as  
9 a result of natural disasters: *Provided*, That not later than  
10 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
11 retary of the Air Force, or their designee, shall submit  
12 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
13 Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under  
14 this section.

15       SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts  
16 and in the amounts specified for planning and design and  
17 authorized major construction projects, for child develop-  
18 ment centers, to remain available until September 30,  
19 2028:

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

21               “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
22 Corps”, \$15,000,000; and

23               “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
24               \$15,000,000:

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

6       SEC. 131. For an additional amount for “Military  
7 Construction, Air National Guard”, \$83,000,000, to re-  
8 main available until September 30, 2028, for planning and  
9 design and authorized major construction projects at fu-  
10 ture foreign military training sites: *Provided*, That not  
11 later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
12 retary of the Air Force, or their designee, shall submit  
13 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
14 Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under  
15 this section.

16       SEC. 132. For an additional amount for “Military  
17 Construction, Air Force”, \$20,000,000, to remain avail-  
18 able until September 30, 2028, for cost increases identi-  
19 fied subsequent to the fiscal year 2024 budget request for  
20 authorized major construction projects: *Provided*, That  
21 not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the  
22 Secretary of the Air Force, or their designee, shall submit  
23 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
24 Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under  
25 this section.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 133. Of the proceeds credited to the Depart-  
3 ment of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund pur-  
4 suant to subsection (c)(1)(D) of section 2883 of title 10,  
5 United States Code, pursuant to a Department of Navy  
6 investment, the Secretary of Defense shall transfer  
7 \$18,800,000 to the Secretary of the Navy under para-  
8 graph (3) of subsection (d) of such section for use by the  
9 Secretary of the Navy as provided in paragraph (1) of  
10 such subsection until expended.

11 SEC. 134. For an additional amount for the accounts  
12 and in the amounts specified for authorized major con-  
13 struction projects, to remain available until September 30,  
14 2028:

15 "Military Construction, Navy", \$48,300,000",

16 and

17 "Military Construction, Defense-Wide",

18 \$37,100,000:

19 *Provided*, That not later than 30 days after enactment of  
20 this Act, the Secretary of Defense, or their designee, shall  
21 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
22 Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds pro-  
23 vided under this section.

24 SEC. 135. None of the funds made available by this  
25 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment

1 of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,  
2 Cuba.

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

8 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on  
9 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-  
10 aminations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11,  
11 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code;  
12 pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized  
13 by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United  
14 States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitle-  
15 ment Program for Survivors, emergency and other offi-  
16 cers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certifi-  
17 cates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insur-  
18 ance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV  
19 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App.  
20 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sec-  
21 tions 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51,  
22 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code,  
23 \$4,655,879,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-  
24 viously appropriated under this heading that become avail-  
25 able on October 1, 2023, to remain available until ex-

1 pended; and, in addition, \$181,390,281,000, which shall  
2 become available on October 1, 2024, to remain available  
3 until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$22,109,000  
4 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2025 under  
5 this heading shall be reimbursed to “General Operating  
6 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “Infor-  
7 mation Technology Systems” for necessary expenses in  
8 implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55  
9 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source for  
10 which is specifically provided as the “Compensation and  
11 Pensions” appropriation: *Provided further*, That such  
12 sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient  
13 basis, shall be reimbursed to “Medical Care Collections  
14 Fund” to augment the funding of individual medical facili-  
15 ties for nursing home care provided to pensioners as au-  
16 thorized.

17 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

18 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation  
19 benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chap-  
20 ters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and  
21 61 of title 38, United States Code, \$11,523,134,000,  
22 which shall become available on October 1, 2024, to re-  
23 main available until expended: *Provided*, That expenses for  
24 rehabilitation program services and assistance which the  
25 Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of

1 section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than  
2 under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that sub-  
3 section, shall be charged to this account.

4 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

5 For military and naval insurance, national service life  
6 insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-  
7 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as  
8 authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United  
9 States Code, \$12,701,000, which shall be in addition to  
10 funds previously appropriated under this heading that be-  
11 come available on October 1, 2023, to remain available  
12 until expended; and, in addition, \$135,119,422, which  
13 shall become available on October 1, 2024, to remain  
14 available until expended.

15 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

16 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such  
17 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as  
18 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of  
19 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs,  
20 including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-  
21 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
22 1974: *Provided further*, That, during fiscal year 2024,  
23 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in  
24 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for spe-  
25 cially adapted housing loans.

1       In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out  
2 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$316,742,419.

3 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

4       For the cost of direct loans, \$78,337, as authorized  
5 by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,  
6 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such  
7 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-  
8 sional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds  
9 made available under this heading are available to sub-  
10 sidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct  
11 loans not to exceed \$2,026,000.

12       In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
13 carry out the direct loan program, \$460,698, which may  
14 be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-  
15 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

16 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM  
17 ACCOUNT

18       For administrative expenses to carry out the direct  
19 loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37  
20 of title 38, United States Code, \$2,718,546.

21 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS  
22 ADMINISTRATION

23       For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans  
24 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-  
25 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement

1 of the General Services Administration for security guard  
2 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-  
3 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,  
4 \$3,899,000,000: *Provided*, That expenses for services and  
5 assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and  
6 (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code,  
7 that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are nec-  
8 essary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum ex-  
9 tent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and  
10 maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum  
11 independence in daily living, shall be charged to this ac-  
12 count: *Provided further*, That, of the funds made available  
13 under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain  
14 available until September 30, 2025.

15 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

16 MEDICAL SERVICES

17 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized  
18 by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to  
19 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and  
20 veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United  
21 States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not  
22 under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including  
23 medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services,  
24 food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare em-  
25 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, assist-

1   ance and support services for caregivers as authorized by  
2   section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repay-  
3   ments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and  
4   Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public  
5   Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note),  
6   monthly assistance allowances authorized by section  
7   322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized  
8   by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-  
9   ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections  
10  322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-  
11  pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787  
12  of title 38, United States Code; \$71,000,000,000, plus re-  
13  imbursements, which shall become available on October 1,  
14  2024, and shall remain available until September 30,  
15  2025: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on  
16  October 1, 2024, under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall  
17  remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided fur-*  
18  *ther*, That of the \$74,004,000,000 to become available on  
19  October 1, 2023, previously appropriated under this head-  
20  ing in division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,  
21  2023 (Public Law 117–328), \$4,933,113,000 is hereby re-  
22  scinded: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other  
23  provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
24  establish a priority for the provision of medical treatment  
25  for veterans who have service-connected disabilities, lower

1 income, or have special needs: *Provided further*, That, not-  
2 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of  
3 Veterans Affairs shall give priority funding for the provi-  
4 sion of basic medical benefits to veterans in enrollment  
5 priority groups 1 through 6: *Provided further*, That, not-  
6 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of  
7 Veterans Affairs may authorize the dispensing of prescrip-  
8 tion drugs from Veterans Health Administration facilities  
9 to enrolled veterans with privately written prescriptions  
10 based on requirements established by the Secretary: *Pro-*  
11 *vided further*, That the implementation of the program de-  
12 scribed in the previous proviso shall incur no additional  
13 cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs: *Provided fur-*  
14 *ther*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure  
15 that sufficient amounts appropriated under this heading  
16 for medical supplies and equipment are available for the  
17 acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically for female  
18 veterans: *Provided further*, That nothing in section  
19 2044(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, may be con-  
20 strued as limiting amounts that may be made available  
21 under this heading for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 in this  
22 or prior Acts.

23 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

24 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to  
25 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United

1 States Code, at non-Department facilities,  
2 \$20,382,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-  
3 come available on October 1, 2024, and shall remain avail-  
4 able until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That, of the  
5 amount made available on October 1, 2024, under this  
6 heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-  
7 tember 30, 2026: *Provided further*, That of the  
8 \$33,000,000,000 to become available on October 1, 2023,  
9 previously appropriated under this heading in division J  
10 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law  
11 117–328), \$3,159,584,000 is hereby rescinded.

12 MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

13 For necessary expenses in the administration of the  
14 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,  
15 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-  
16 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-  
17 ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-  
18 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-  
19 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,  
20 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-  
21 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$11,800,000,000, plus  
22 reimbursements, which shall become available on October  
23 1, 2024, and shall remain available until September 30,  
24 2025: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on

1 October 1, 2024, under this heading, \$350,000,000 shall  
2 remain available until September 30, 2026.

3 MEDICAL FACILITIES

4 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-  
5 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,  
6 and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Ad-  
7 ministration; for administrative expenses in support of  
8 planning, design, project management, real property ac-  
9 quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of  
10 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the  
11 Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural  
12 activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-  
13 ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-  
14 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-  
15 ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by  
16 the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-  
17 rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services;  
18 \$1,000,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-  
19 viously appropriated under this heading that become avail-  
20 able on October 1, 2023; and, in addition,  
21 \$9,400,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall become  
22 available on October 1, 2024, and shall remain available  
23 until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That, of the amount  
24 made available on October 1, 2024, under this heading,

1 \$500,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
2 2026.

3 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

4 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of  
5 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-  
6 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,  
7 \$938,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain avail-  
8 able until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That the Sec-  
9 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient  
10 amounts appropriated under this heading are available for  
11 prosthetic research specifically for female veterans, and  
12 for toxic exposure research.

13 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

14 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-  
15 ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-  
16 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-  
17 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase  
18 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-  
19 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-  
20 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction  
21 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$480,000,000,  
22 of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available  
23 until September 30, 2025.

## 1 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

## 2 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

## 3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary operating expenses of the Department  
5 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including  
6 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide  
7 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-  
8 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for  
9 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-  
10 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General  
11 Services Administration for security guard services,  
12 \$475,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall re-  
13 main available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That  
14 funds provided under this heading may be transferred to  
15 “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Adminis-  
16 tration”.

## 17 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

18 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of  
19 Veterans Appeals, \$287,000,000, of which not to exceed  
20 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,  
21 2025.

## 22 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

## 23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 For necessary expenses for information technology  
25 systems and telecommunications support, including devel-

1 opmental information systems and operational information  
2 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital  
3 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-  
4 cluding management and related contractual costs of said  
5 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with  
6 operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United  
7 States Code, \$6,401,000,000, plus reimbursements: *Pro-*  
8 *vided*, That \$1,606,977,000 shall be for pay and associ-  
9 ated costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain  
10 available until September 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That  
11 \$4,668,373,000 shall be for operations and maintenance,  
12 of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available  
13 until September 30, 2025, and of which \$75,288,000 shall  
14 remain available until September 30, 2028 for the purpose  
15 of facility activations related to projects funded by the  
16 “Construction, Major Projects”, “Construction, Minor  
17 Projects”, “Medical Facilities”, “National Cemetery Ad-  
18 ministration”, “General Operating Expenses, Veterans  
19 Benefits Administration”, and “General Administration”  
20 accounts: *Provided further*, That \$125,650,000 shall be  
21 for information technology systems development, and shall  
22 remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided fur-*  
23 *ther*, That amounts made available for salaries and ex-  
24 penses, operations and maintenance, and information  
25 technology systems development may be transferred

1 among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Vet-  
2 erans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appropria-  
3 tions of both Houses of Congress the authority to make  
4 the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided further,*  
5 That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-  
6 nology Systems” account for development may be trans-  
7 ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: *Pro-*  
8 *vided further,* That no project may be increased or de-  
9 creased by more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submit-  
10 ting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of  
11 both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an ap-  
12 proval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days  
13 has elapsed: *Provided further,* That the funds made avail-  
14 able under this heading for information technology sys-  
15 tems development shall be for the projects, and in the  
16 amounts, specified under this heading in the report accom-  
17 panying this Act.

18 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

19 For activities related to implementation, preparation,  
20 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-  
21 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-  
22 cluding contractual costs associated with operations au-  
23 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,  
24 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles  
25 5 and 38, United States Code, \$1,334,142,000, to remain

1 available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That the  
2 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Commit-  
3 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quar-  
4 terly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and de-  
5 ployment implementation by facility, including any  
6 changes from the deployment plan or schedule: *Provided*  
7 *further*, That the funds provided in this account shall only  
8 be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be  
9 administered by that Office: *Provided further*, That 25  
10 percent of the funds made available under this heading  
11 shall not be available until July 1, 2024, and are contin-  
12 gent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs—

13           (1) providing the Committees on Appropriations  
14           a report, no later than 60 days after enactment of  
15           this Act, outlining the measureable operational  
16           metrics that will be used to determine when it is ap-  
17           propriate to re-start deployments;

18           (2) providing the Committees on Appropriations  
19           a report on the reset process as of March 1, 2024,  
20           including progress on achieving the necessary tar-  
21           gets on the operational metrics identified in para-  
22           graph (1) and the current performance at all De-  
23           partment of Veterans Affairs facilities using the new  
24           electronic health record on or before September  
25           2023 compared to pre-deployment baselines; and



1 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were  
2 made available in a previous major project appropriation,  
3 \$881,000,000, of which \$373,096,000 shall remain avail-  
4 able until September 30, 2028, and of which  
5 \$507,904,000 shall remain available until expended, of  
6 which \$110,000,000 shall be available for seismic improve-  
7 ment projects and seismic program management activities,  
8 including for projects that would otherwise be funded by  
9 the Construction, Minor Projects, Medical Facilities or  
10 National Cemetery Administration accounts: *Provided,*  
11 That except for advance planning activities, including  
12 needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital  
13 investments, and other capital asset management related  
14 activities, including portfolio development and manage-  
15 ment activities, and planning, cost estimating, and design  
16 for major medical facility projects and major medical facil-  
17 ity leases and investment strategy studies funded through  
18 the advance planning fund and the planning and design  
19 activities funded through the design fund, staffing ex-  
20 penses, and funds provided for the purchase, security, and  
21 maintenance of land for the National Cemetery Adminis-  
22 tration and the Veterans Health Administration through  
23 the land acquisition line item, none of the funds made  
24 available under this heading shall be used for any project  
25 that has not been notified to Congress through the budg-

1 etary process or that has not been approved by the Con-  
2 gress through statute, joint resolution, or in the explana-  
3 tory statement accompanying such Act and presented to  
4 the President at the time of enrollment: *Provided further,*  
5 That funds provided for the Veterans Health Administra-  
6 tion through the land acquisition line item shall be only  
7 for projects included on the five year development plan  
8 notified to Congress through the budgetary process: *Pro-*  
9 *vided further,* That such sums as may be necessary shall  
10 be available to reimburse the “General Administration”  
11 account for payment of salaries and expenses of all Office  
12 of Construction and Facilities Management employees to  
13 support the full range of capital infrastructure services  
14 provided, including minor construction and leasing serv-  
15 ices: *Provided further,* That funds made available under  
16 this heading for fiscal year 2024, for each approved  
17 project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a con-  
18 struction documents contract by September 30, 2024; and  
19 (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by Sep-  
20 tember 30, 2025: *Provided further,* That the Secretary of  
21 Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees  
22 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written  
23 report on any approved major construction project for  
24 which obligations are not incurred within the time limita-  
25 tions established above: *Provided further,* That notwith-

1 standing the requirements of section 8104(a) of title 38,  
2 United States Code, amounts made available under this  
3 heading for seismic improvement projects and seismic pro-  
4 gram management activities shall be available for the com-  
5 pletion of both new and existing seismic projects of the  
6 Department.

7 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

8 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving  
9 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the  
10 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans  
11 Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs  
12 which may lead to capital investments, architectural and  
13 engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period  
14 services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-  
15 vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite  
16 utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and  
17 site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in  
18 sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38,  
19 United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the  
20 estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the  
21 amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38,  
22 United States Code, \$680,000,000, of which  
23 \$612,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
24 2028, and of which \$68,000,000 shall remain available  
25 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-

1 vious “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations  
 2 which are hereby made available for any project where the  
 3 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth  
 4 in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available  
 5 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the  
 6 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use  
 7 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or  
 8 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;  
 9 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to  
 10 minimize further loss by such causes.

11 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE  
 12 FACILITIES

13 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct  
 14 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-  
 15 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,  
 16 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing  
 17 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through  
 18 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$164,000,000, to  
 19 remain available until expended.

20 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

21 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations  
 22 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-  
 23 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United  
 24 States Code, \$60,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
 25 pended.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS  
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2024 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. Amounts made available for the Depart-  
15 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, in this or  
16 any other Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical  
17 Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”,  
18 and “Medical Facilities” accounts may be transferred  
19 among the accounts: *Provided*, That any transfers among  
20 the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, and  
21 “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent  
22 or less of the total amount appropriated to the account  
23 in this or any other Act may take place subject to notifica-  
24 tion from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Com-  
25 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of

1 the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided further*,  
2 That any transfers among the “Medical Services”, “Med-  
3 ical Community Care”, and “Medical Support and Compli-  
4 ance” accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the  
5 cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take place  
6 only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on  
7 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority  
8 to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided*  
9 *further*, That any transfers to or from the “Medical Facili-  
10 ties” account may take place only after the Secretary re-  
11 quests from the Committees on Appropriations of both  
12 Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer  
13 and an approval is issued.

14       SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for  
15 salaries and expenses shall be available for services au-  
16 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code;  
17 hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land  
18 or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-  
19 ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United  
20 States Code.

21       SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the  
22 appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects”, and  
23 “Construction, Minor Projects”) shall be available for the  
24 purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any  
25 new hospital or home.

1       SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be  
2 available for health care treatment or examination of any  
3 persons (except beneficiaries entitled to such health care  
4 treatment or examination under the laws providing such  
5 benefits to veterans, and persons receiving such treatment  
6 under sections 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States  
7 Code, or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
8 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless re-  
9 imbursement of the cost of such health care treatment or  
10 examination is made to the “Medical Services” account  
11 at such rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans  
12 Affairs.

13       SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for  
14 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,  
15 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-  
16 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-  
17 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding  
18 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year  
19 2023.

20       SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall  
21 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding  
22 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections  
23 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States  
24 Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund

1 accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation  
2 and Pensions”.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
5 law, during fiscal year 2024, the Secretary of Veterans  
6 Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance  
7 Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code,  
8 the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund under section  
9 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United  
10 States Government Life Insurance Fund under section  
11 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “Gen-  
12 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-  
13 tion” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for  
14 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-  
15 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimburse-  
16 ment shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-  
17 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year  
18 2024 that are available for dividends in that program after  
19 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves  
20 have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of  
21 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the  
22 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,  
23 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such  
24 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
25 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year

1 2024 which is properly allocable to the provision of each  
2 such insurance program and to the provision of any total  
3 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-  
4 gram.

5 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use  
6 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-  
7 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-  
8 viding enhanced-use lease services shall be available until  
9 expended.

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for  
12 salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be  
13 available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-  
14 ment, Diversity and Inclusion, the Office of Employment  
15 Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and the Alter-  
16 native Dispute Resolution function within the Office of  
17 Human Resources and Administration for all services pro-  
18 vided at rates which will recover actual costs but not to  
19 exceed \$145,408,000 for the Office of Resolution Manage-  
20 ment, Diversity and Inclusion, \$6,960,000 for the Office  
21 of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication,  
22 and \$7,772,000 for the Alternative Dispute Resolution  
23 function within the Office of Human Resources and Ad-  
24 ministration: *Provided*, That payments may be made in  
25 advance for services to be furnished based on estimated



1 the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction,  
2 Minor Projects” accounts and be used for construction  
3 (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations,  
4 and improvements of any medical facility under the juris-  
5 diction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Af-  
6 fairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount  
7 provided for in “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-  
8 struction, Minor Projects”.

9 SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical  
10 Services” are available—

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

13 (2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and  
14 other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for  
15 beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
18 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A  
19 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the  
20 “Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-  
21 counts to remain available until expended for the purposes  
22 of these accounts.

23 SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may  
24 enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health  
25 Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and

1 Tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native  
2 Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, to pro-  
3 vide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental  
4 care, to veterans in rural Alaska. The Secretary shall re-  
5 quire participating veterans and facilities to comply with  
6 all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the  
7 Secretary. The term “rural Alaska” shall mean those  
8 lands which are not within the boundaries of the munic-  
9 ipality of Anchorage or the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
12 Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pur-  
13 suant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may  
14 be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and  
15 “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain avail-  
16 able until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

17 SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
18 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
19 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
20 Houses of Congress a report on the financial status of the  
21 Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter:  
22 *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include  
23 the direction contained in the paragraph entitled “Quar-  
24 terly reporting”, under the heading “General Administra-

1 tion” in the joint explanatory statement accompanying  
2 Public Law 114–223.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Med-  
5 ical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Sup-  
6 port and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Op-  
7 erating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”,  
8 “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”,  
9 and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fis-  
10 cal year 2024 may be transferred to or from the “Informa-  
11 tion Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such  
12 transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggre-  
13 gate increase in the total amount made available by this  
14 Act for the “Information Technology Systems” account:  
15 *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place,  
16 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the  
17 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
18 the authority to make the transfer and an approval is  
19 issued.

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-  
22 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024 for  
23 “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical  
24 Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Con-  
25 struction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology

1 Systems”, up to \$430,532,000, plus reimbursements, may  
2 be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—De-  
3 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstra-  
4 tion Fund, established by section 1704 of the National De-  
5 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law  
6 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation  
7 of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical  
8 facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hun-  
9 ter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
10 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*,  
11 That additional funds may be transferred from accounts  
12 designated in this section to the Joint Department of De-  
13 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
14 Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Sec-  
15 retary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-  
16 priations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,  
17 That section 220 of title II of division J of Public Law  
18 117–328 is repealed.

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-  
21 partment of Veterans Affairs which become available on  
22 October 1, 2024, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Com-  
23 munity Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and  
24 “Medical Facilities”, up to \$456,547,000, plus reimburse-  
25 ments, may be transferred to the Joint Department of De-

1 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
2 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the  
3 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
4 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used  
5 for operation of the facilities designated as combined Fed-  
6 eral medical facilities as described by section 706 of the  
7 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for  
8 Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500):  
9 *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from  
10 accounts designated in this section to the Joint Depart-  
11 ment of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Med-  
12 ical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifica-  
13 tion by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Commit-  
14 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
17 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A  
18 of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided  
19 at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facili-  
20 ties as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter  
21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009  
22 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be avail-  
23 able: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of De-  
24 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
25 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the

1 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
2 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for oper-  
3 ations of the facilities designated as combined Federal  
4 medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Dun-  
5 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
6 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Pro-*  
7 *vided*, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the  
8 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
9 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts trans-  
10 ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department  
11 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund  
12 shall remain available until expended.

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

22 SEC. 223. None of the funds available to the Depart-  
23 ment of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may  
24 be used to replace the current system by which the Vet-

1 erans Integrated Service Networks select and contract for  
2 diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.

3       SEC. 224. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-  
4 tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
5 Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project  
6 that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-  
7 grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: *Pro-*  
8 *vided*, That such notification shall occur within 14 days  
9 of a contract identifying the programmed amount: *Pro-*  
10 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Commit-  
11 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14  
12 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall  
13 describe the anticipated use of such savings.

14       SEC. 225. None of the funds made available for  
15 “Construction, Major Projects” may be used for a project  
16 in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-  
17 nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of  
18 the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-  
19 erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on  
20 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

21       SEC. 226. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
22 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
23 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
24 Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-  
25 ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-

1   ministration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a min-  
2   imum, the report shall include the direction contained in  
3   the section entitled “Disability claims backlog”, under the  
4   heading “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits  
5   Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accom-  
6   panying Public Law 114–223: *Provided further*, That the  
7   report shall also include information on the number of ap-  
8   peals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration as  
9   well as the Board of Veterans Appeals on a quarterly  
10  basis.

11       SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
12  provide written notification to the Committees on Appro-  
13  priations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-  
14  ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or  
15  more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of  
16  the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

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

22                                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23       SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon  
24  determination that such action is necessary to address  
25  needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-

1 fer to the “Medical Services” account any discretionary  
2 appropriations made available for fiscal year 2024 in this  
3 title (except appropriations made to the “General Oper-  
4 ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” ac-  
5 count) or any discretionary unobligated balances within  
6 the Department of Veterans Affairs, including those ap-  
7 propriated for fiscal year 2024, that were provided in ad-  
8 vance by appropriations Acts: *Provided*, That transfers  
9 shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Man-  
10 agement and Budget: *Provided further*, That the transfer  
11 authority provided in this section is in addition to any  
12 other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*,  
13 That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that  
14 were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement  
15 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the  
16 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
17 1985: *Provided further*, That such authority to transfer  
18 may not be used unless for higher priority items, based  
19 on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for  
20 which originally appropriated and in no case where the  
21 item for which funds are requested has been denied by  
22 Congress: *Provided further*, That, upon determination that  
23 all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation  
24 are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back  
25 to that appropriation and shall be available for the same

1 purposes as originally appropriated: *Provided further*,  
2 That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of  
3 Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on  
4 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority  
5 to make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 230. Amounts made available for the Depart-  
8 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, under the  
9 “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating  
10 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts  
11 may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That  
12 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-  
13 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-  
14 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to  
15 make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

16 SEC. 231. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not  
17 reprogram funds among major construction projects or  
18 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed  
19 \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by  
20 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
21 gress.

22 SEC. 232. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
23 ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section  
24 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

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

4           (2) adheres to all requirements of the American  
5 Association of Suicidology.

6           (b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act  
7 may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Execu-  
8 tive action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
9 from appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil  
10 service position, or establishing a new civil service position,  
11 at the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to  
12 such a position relating to the hotline specified in sub-  
13 section (a).

14           (2) In this subsection—

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

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

19           (i) any Executive order, Presidential  
20 memorandum, or other action by the President;  
21 and

22           (ii) any agency policy, order, or other di-  
23 rective.

24           (c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall con-  
25 duct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified

1 in subsection (a) during the 5-year period beginning on  
2 January 1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide  
3 data and data collected from such hotline.

4 (2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph  
5 (1) shall—

6 (A) determine the number of veterans who con-  
7 tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who  
8 receive follow up services from the hotline or mental  
9 health services from the Department of Veterans Af-  
10 fairs thereafter;

11 (B) determine the number of veterans who con-  
12 tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not  
13 continue receiving, mental health care who commit  
14 suicide; and

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

17 SEC. 233. Effective during the period beginning on  
18 October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2025, none  
19 of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans  
20 Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or ex-  
21 pended in contravention of the “Veterans Health Adminis-  
22 tration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement  
23 on the Veterans Health Administration’s Screening for  
24 Breast Cancer Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as

1 issued by the Veterans Health Administration National  
2 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

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

7 (1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-  
8 sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran  
9 or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

10 (2) adoption reimbursement to a covered vet-  
11 eran.

12 (b) In this section:

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

16 (2) The term “covered veteran” means a vet-  
17 eran, as such term is defined in section 101 of title  
18 38, United States Code, who has a service-connected  
19 disability that results in the inability of the veteran  
20 to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

21 (3) The term “assisted reproductive tech-  
22 nology” means benefits relating to reproductive as-  
23 sistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces  
24 who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty  
25 pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United

1 States Code, as described in the memorandum on  
2 the subject of “Policy for Assisted Reproductive  
3 Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/  
4 Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service  
5 Members” issued by the Assistant Secretary of De-  
6 fense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the  
7 guidance issued to implement such policy, including  
8 any limitations on the amount of such benefits avail-  
9 able to such a member except that—

10 (A) the time periods regarding embryo  
11 cryopreservation and storage set forth in part  
12 III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum  
13 shall not apply; and

14 (B) such term includes embryo  
15 cryopreservation and storage without limitation  
16 on the duration of such cryopreservation and  
17 storage.

18 (4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means  
19 reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for  
20 an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-  
21 actment of this Act under the same terms as apply  
22 under the adoption reimbursement program of the  
23 Department of Defense, as authorized in Depart-  
24 ment of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the

1 reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in  
2 such instruction.

3 (c) Amounts made available for the purposes speci-  
4 fied in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the  
5 requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division  
6 H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public  
7 Law 115–141).

8 SEC. 235. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
9 wise made available by this Act or any other Act for the  
10 Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner  
11 that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transpor-  
12 tation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the  
13 Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent  
14 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115;  
15 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38,  
16 United States Code.

17 SEC. 236. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall  
18 not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the  
19 Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Ad-  
20 ministration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-  
21 tractor performance by a business concern that is at least  
22 51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined  
23 in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one  
24 or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-  
25 tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

1       SEC. 237. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in  
2 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-  
3 retary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using So-  
4 cial Security account numbers to authenticate individuals  
5 in all information systems of the Department of Veterans  
6 Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30,  
7 2024.

8       (b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and  
9 use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-  
10 vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United  
11 States Code, in an information system of the Department  
12 of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number  
13 is necessary to:

14           (1) obtain or provide information the Secretary  
15 requires from an information system that is not  
16 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

17           (2) comply with a law, regulation, or court  
18 order;

19           (3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

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

22       (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-  
23 sede section 237 of division J of Public Law 117-328.

24       SEC. 238. For funds provided to the Department of  
25 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and 2025

1 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public  
2 Law 114–223 shall apply.

3       SEC. 239. None of the funds appropriated in this or  
4 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to  
5 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-  
6 fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-  
7 pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-  
8 ment of Veterans Affairs.

9       SEC. 240. Of the funds provided to the Department  
10 of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and fiscal  
11 year 2025 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in  
12 each year to carry out and expand the child care program  
13 authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-  
14 withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

15       SEC. 241. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
16 wise made available in this title may be used by the Sec-  
17 retary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement re-  
18 lated to resolving a dispute or claim with an individual  
19 that would restrict in any way the individual from speak-  
20 ing to members of Congress or their staff on any topic  
21 not otherwise prohibited from disclosure by Federal law  
22 or required by Executive order to be kept secret in the  
23 interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign af-  
24 fairs.

1        SEC. 242. For funds provided to the Department of  
2 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and 2025,  
3 section 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall  
4 apply.

5        SEC. 243. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-  
6 erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny  
7 an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access  
8 to any records, documents, or other materials available to  
9 the department or agency over which that Inspector Gen-  
10 eral has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act  
11 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), or to prevent or impede the ac-  
12 cess of the Inspector General to such records, documents,  
13 or other materials, under any provision of law, except a  
14 provision of law that expressly refers to such Inspector  
15 General and expressly limits the right of access.

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

19        (c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance  
20 with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-  
21 formation provided by the establishment over which that  
22 Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector  
23 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

24        (d) Each Inspector General covered by this section  
25 shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
2 of Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure  
3 by any department or agency covered by this section to  
4 comply with this requirement.

5 SEC. 244. None of the funds made available in this  
6 Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait  
7 times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of  
8 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

9 SEC. 245. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
10 wise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health  
11 Administration may be used in fiscal year 2024 to convert  
12 any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-  
13 cal year 2023 to a general purpose funded program unless  
14 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-  
15 tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-  
16 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior  
17 to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-  
18 mittees.

19 SEC. 246. For funds provided to the Department of  
20 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and 2025,  
21 section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall  
22 apply.

23 SEC. 247. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-  
24 erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct  
25 research commencing on or after October 1, 2019, that

1 uses any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the  
2 Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves such research spe-  
3 cifically and in writing pursuant to subsection (b).

4 (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve  
5 the conduct of research commencing on or after October  
6 1, 2019, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if  
7 the Secretary determines that—

8 (A) the scientific objectives of the research can  
9 only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-  
10 human primates;

11 (B) such scientific objectives are directly related  
12 to an illness or injury that is combat-related; and

13 (C) the research is consistent with the revised  
14 Department of Veterans Affairs canine research pol-  
15 icy document dated December 15, 2017, including  
16 any subsequent revisions to such document.

17 (2) The Secretary may not delegate the authority  
18 under this subsection.

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

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

1           (2) the date on which the Secretary approved  
2 the research;

3           (3) the justification for the determination of the  
4 Secretary that the scientific objectives of such re-  
5 search could only be met using canines, felines, or  
6 non-human primates;

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

9           (5) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-  
10 sity, safety, and efficacy of the research.

11         (d) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-  
12 actment of this Act, and biannually thereafter, the Sec-  
13 retary shall submit to such Committees a report describ-  
14 ing—

15           (1) any research being conducted by the De-  
16 partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,  
17 or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-  
18 mittal of the report;

19           (2) the circumstances under which such re-  
20 search was conducted using canines, felines, or non-  
21 human primates;

22           (3) the justification for using canines, felines,  
23 or non-human primates to conduct such research;  
24 and

1           (4) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-  
2           sity, safety, and efficacy of such research.

3           (e) The Department shall implement a plan under  
4           which the Secretary will eliminate or reduce the research  
5           conducted using canines, felines, or non-human primates  
6           by not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of  
7           Public Law 116–94.

8           SEC. 248. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may  
9           use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in  
10          this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time  
11          employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-  
12          tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States  
13          Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time em-  
14          ployment equivalent.

15          (b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-  
16          actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Con-  
17          gress a report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted  
18          under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, includ-  
19          ing—

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

22                 (2) recommendations for such action as the  
23                 Secretary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-  
24                 to-staff ratio for each such program.

1           SEC. 249. Amounts made available for the “Veterans  
2 Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-  
3 count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2024 and  
4 2025 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be  
5 payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by  
6 section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-  
7 ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

8           SEC. 250. Obligations and expenditures applicable to  
9 the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017  
10 through 2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by  
11 section 1741 of title 38, United States Code) shall remain  
12 in the “Medical Community Care” account for such fiscal  
13 years.

14           SEC. 251. Of the amounts made available for the De-  
15 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, in this  
16 or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-  
17 tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-  
18 tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-  
19 ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, and  
20 “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Facilities” ac-  
21 counts, \$1,279,096,000 shall be made available for gen-  
22 der-specific care and programmatic efforts to deliver care  
23 for women veterans.

24           SEC. 252. Of the unobligated balances available in  
25 fiscal year 2024 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-

1 formational Fund” established in section 243 of division  
2 J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds  
3 otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,  
4 or subsequent fiscal years, \$600,000,000 shall be available  
5 for constructing, altering, extending, and improving med-  
6 ical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, in-  
7 cluding all supporting activities and required contin-  
8 gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund:

9 *Provided*, That prior to obligation of any of the funds pro-  
10 vided in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
11 must provide a plan for the execution of the funds appro-  
12 priated in this section to the Committees on Appropria-  
13 tions of both Houses of Congress and such Committees  
14 issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30  
15 days has elapsed.

16 SEC. 253. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
17 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
18 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
19 Houses of Congress a quarterly report on the status of  
20 the “Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund”, as authorized  
21 by section 324 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,  
22 That, at a minimum, the report shall include an update  
23 on obligations by program, project or activity and a plan  
24 for expending the remaining funds: *Provided further*, That  
25 the budget resource categories supporting the Veterans



## (RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

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2       SEC. 256. Of the unobligated balances available to  
3 the Department of Veterans Affairs from prior appropria-  
4 tions Acts, the following funds are hereby rescinded from  
5 the following accounts in the amounts specified:

6           Veterans Health Administration—Medical Serv-  
7       ices, \$1,000,000,000; and

8           Veterans Health Administration—Medical Com-  
9       munity Care, \$976,005,000:

10 *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded from  
11 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an  
12 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu-  
13 tion on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
14 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15       SEC. 257. None of the funds in this or any other Act  
16 may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs hos-  
17 pitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental  
18 assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing  
19 Veterans Health Administration medical facilities as part  
20 of a planned realignment of services until the Secretary  
21 provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
22 Houses of Congress a report including an analysis of how  
23 any such planned realignment of services will impact ac-  
24 cess to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural  
25 areas, including travel distances and transportation costs

1 to access a Department medical facility and availability  
2 of local specialty and primary care.

3       SEC. 258. Unobligated balances available under the  
4 headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-  
5 tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary  
6 of Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section  
7 2(e)(1) of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-  
8 erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016  
9 (Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended,  
10 to provide additional funds or to fund an escalation clause  
11 under such section of such Act: *Provided*, That before such  
12 unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this sec-  
13 tion, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from  
14 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
15 gress the authority to obligate such unobligated balances  
16 and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a re-  
17 sponse, a period of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*,  
18 That the request to obligate such unobligated balances  
19 must provide Congress notice that the entity described in  
20 section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114–294, as amended, has  
21 exhausted available cost containment approaches as set  
22 forth in the agreement under section 2(c) of such Public  
23 Law.

24       SEC. 259. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-  
25 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-

1 cal year 2024 for the Department of Veterans Affairs may  
2 be obligated or expended to procure or purchase com-  
3 puters, printers, software, hardware, connecting cables, or  
4 other information technology equipment needed for an of-  
5 fice environment in which the manufacturer, bidder, or of-  
6 feror, or any subsidiary or parent entity of the manufac-  
7 turer, bidder, or offeror, of the equipment or software is  
8 an entity, or is a subsidiary or parent company of an enti-  
9 ty—

10 (1) in which the People’s Republic of China has  
11 any ownership stake;

12 (2) that has been organized under the laws of  
13 the People’s Republic of China; or

14 (3) that contributes to the defense industry of  
15 the Chinese Communist Party.

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

21 SEC. 260. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
22 wise made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs  
23 in this Act may be used in a manner that would—

1           (1) interfere with the ability of a veteran to  
2 participate in a medicinal marijuana program ap-  
3 proved by a State;

4           (2) deny any services from the Department to  
5 a veteran who is participating in such a program; or

6           (3) limit or interfere with the ability of a health  
7 care provider of the Department to make appro-  
8 priate recommendations, fill out forms, or take steps  
9 to comply with such a program.

1 TITLE III  
2 RELATED AGENCIES  
3 AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION  
4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,  
6 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including  
7 the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign coun-  
8 tries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of  
9 national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United  
10 States and its territories and possessions; rent of office  
11 and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-  
12 one replacement basis only) and hire of passenger motor  
13 vehicles; not to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and  
14 representation expenses; and insurance of official motor  
15 vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such  
16 countries, \$158,630,000, to remain available until ex-  
17 pended.

18 FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT  
19 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,  
20 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such  
21 sums as may be necessary, to remain available until ex-  
22 pended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title  
23 36, United States Code.

1 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS  
2 CLAIMS  
3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For necessary expenses for the operation of the  
5 United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as  
6 authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38,  
7 United States Code, \$47,200,000: *Provided*, That  
8 \$3,000,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing  
9 financial assistance as described and in accordance with  
10 the process and reporting procedures set forth under this  
11 heading in Public Law 102–229.

12 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL  
13 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY  
14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,  
16 and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-  
17 diers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including  
18 the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for re-  
19 placement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed  
20 \$2,000 for official reception and representation expenses,  
21 \$99,880,000, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall re-  
22 main available until September 30, 2026. In addition,  
23 such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance,  
24 repairs and replacement, to be derived from the "Lease

1 of Department of Defense Real Property for Defense  
2 Agencies’’ account.

3 CONSTRUCTION

4 For necessary expenses for planning and design and  
5 construction at Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers’  
6 and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, \$88,600,000, to  
7 remain available until expended, for planning and design  
8 and construction associated with the Southern Expansion  
9 project at Arlington National Cemetery.

10 ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

11 TRUST FUND

12 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-  
13 ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces  
14 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia,  
15 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-  
16 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed  
17 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$77,000,000, to re-  
18 main available until September 30, 2025, of which  
19 \$8,940,000 shall remain available until expended for con-  
20 struction and renovation of the physical plants at the  
21 Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of  
22 Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—  
23 Gulfport, Mississippi: *Provided*, That of the amounts made  
24 available under this heading from funds available in the  
25 Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund,

1 \$25,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the  
2 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

4 SEC. 301. Amounts deposited into the special account  
5 established under 10 U.S.C. 7727 are appropriated and  
6 shall be available until expended to support activities at  
7 the Army National Military Cemeteries.

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## TITLE IV

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

SEC. 403. All departments and agencies funded under this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of “E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the conduct of their business practices and public service activities.

SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and notifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,

1 and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations  
2 of the Senate.

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

8 SEC. 406. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-  
9 able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),  
10 post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-  
11 quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any  
12 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-  
13 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

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

15 (1) the public posting of the report com-  
16 promises national security; or

17 (2) the report contains confidential or propri-  
18 etary information.

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

23 SEC. 407. (a) None of the funds made available in  
24 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer

1 network unless such network blocks the viewing,  
2 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

7 SEC. 408. None of the funds made available in this  
8 Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch  
9 to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency  
10 in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–  
11 10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

12 SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this  
13 Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or serv-  
14 ices, including construction services, where the contractor  
15 has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

16 SEC. 410. None of the funds made available by this  
17 Act may be used in contravention of section 101(e)(8) of  
18 title 10, United States Code.

19 SEC. 411. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-  
20 propriated or otherwise made available to the Department  
21 of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate,  
22 or expand any facility in the United States, its territories,  
23 or possessions to house any individual detained at United  
24 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the

1 purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or  
2 under the control of the Department of Defense.

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

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

9 (1) is not a citizen of the United States or a  
10 member of the Armed Forces of the United States;  
11 and

12 (2) is—

13 (A) in the custody or under the effective  
14 control of the Department of Defense; or

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

17 This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction,  
18 Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations  
19 Act, 2024”.



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