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S. 2296

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give the Commonwealth of Kentucky the first option on the Louisville Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Kentucky, upon its conveyance, lease, or other disposal by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 7, 2004

Mr. BUNNING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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

1 **SECTION 1. FIRST OPTION FOR COMMONWEALTH OF KEN-**
2 **TUCKY ON LOUISVILLE DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER, KEN-**
4 **TUCKY.**

5 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Upon determining to convey,
6 lease, or otherwise dispose of the Louisville Department
7 of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Kentucky, or any por-
8 tion thereof, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-
9 gage in negotiations for the conveyance, lease, or other
10 disposal of the Medical Center or portion thereof solely
11 with the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

12 (b) **DURATION OF REQUIREMENT.**—The requirement
13 for negotiations under subsection (a) shall remain in effect
14 for one year after the date of the commencement of the
15 negotiations.

16 (c) **SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS.**—The negotiations
17 under subsection (a) shall address the utilization of the
18 Medical Center, or portion thereof, by the Commonwealth
19 of Kentucky for the primary purpose of the provision of
20 services for veterans and related activities, but may ad-
21 dress or result in the utilization of the Medical Center,
22 or portion thereof, by the Commonwealth of Kentucky for
23 other purposes.

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