

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5968

To provide for increased funding for veterans health care for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2006

Mr. HENSARLING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Community
5 Health Enhancement Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS TO VETERANS MEDICAL**
2 **CARE FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR**
3 **THE HUMANITIES.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Immediately upon enactment of
5 any law making appropriations for fiscal year 2007 that
6 appropriates or otherwise makes available any funds for
7 the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Sec-
8 retary of the Treasury shall (subject to subsection (b))
9 transfer to the “Medical Services” appropriation account
10 of the Department of Veterans Affairs all amounts that
11 are appropriated or otherwise made available under that
12 law for the National Endowment for the Humanities.
13 Amounts so transferred shall be merged with and shall
14 be available for the same period as the appropriation ac-
15 count to which transferred and shall be available only for
16 enhancement of services at community-based outpatient
17 clinics.

18 (b) AUTHORITY TO WIND-UP AFFAIRS OF NATIONAL
19 ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES.—The Secretary of
20 the Treasury may exempt from the requirement of sub-
21 section (a), for a period not to exceed 60 days, such
22 amounts as the Secretary determines to be necessary to
23 wind-up of the affairs of the National Endowment for the
24 Humanities, and amounts so exempted shall be available,
25 during such period, only for such purpose.

1 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS TO VETERANS MEDICAL**
2 **CARE FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR**
3 **THE ARTS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Immediately upon enactment of
5 any law making appropriations for fiscal year 2007 that
6 appropriates or otherwise makes available any funds for
7 the National Endowment for the Arts, the Secretary of
8 the Treasury shall (subject to subsection (b)) transfer to
9 the “Medical Services” appropriation account of the De-
10 partment of Veterans Affairs all amounts that are appro-
11 priated or otherwise made available under that law for the
12 National Endowment for the Arts. Amounts so transferred
13 shall be merged with and shall be available for the same
14 period as the appropriation account to which transferred
15 and shall be available only for enhancement of services at
16 community-based outpatient clinics.

17 (b) AUTHORITY TO WIND-UP AFFAIRS OF NATIONAL
18 ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.—The Secretary of the
19 Treasury may exempt from the requirement of subsection
20 (a), for a period not to exceed 60 days, such amounts as
21 the Secretary determines to be necessary to wind-up of
22 the affairs of the National Endowment for the Arts, and
23 amounts so exempted shall be available, during such pe-
24 riod, only for such purpose.

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