

109TH CONGRESS
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S. 1290

To appropriate \$1,975,183,000 for medical care for veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 2005

Mrs. MURRAY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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 That the following sum is appropriated, out of any money
4 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the De-
5 partment of Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year ending
6 September 30, 2005, namely:

7 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

8 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

9 MEDICAL SERVICES

10 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized
11 by law, outpatient and inpatient care and treatment to
12 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and

1 veterans as described in paragraphs (1) through (8) of
2 section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, including
3 care and treatment in facilities not under the jurisdiction
4 of the department and including medical supplies and
5 equipment and salaries and expenses of health-care em-
6 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, and to
7 aid State homes as authorized under section 1741 of title
8 38, United States Code; \$1,975,183,000 plus reimburse-
9 ments: *Provided*, That of the amount under this heading,
10 \$610,183,000 shall be available to address the needs of
11 servicemembers deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom and
12 Operation Enduring Freedom; *Provided further*, That of
13 the amount under this heading, \$840,000,000 shall be
14 available, in equal amounts of \$40,000,000, for each Vet-
15 erans Integrated Service Network (VISN) to meet current
16 and pending care and treatment requirements: *Provided*
17 *further*, That of the amount under this heading,
18 \$525,000,000 shall be available for mental health care and
19 treatment, including increased funding for centers for the
20 provision of readjustment counseling and related mental
21 health services under section 1712A of title 38, United
22 States Code (commonly referred to as “Vet Centers”), in-
23 creased funding for post traumatic stress disorder
24 (PTSD) programs, funding for the provision of primary
25 care consultations for mental health, funding for the provi-

1 sion of mental health counseling in Community Based
2 Outreach Centers (CBOCs), and funding to facilitate the
3 provision of mental health services by Department of Vet-
4 erans Affairs facilities that do not currently provide such
5 services: *Provided further*, That the amount under this
6 heading shall remain available until expended.

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